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January 16, 1968

Honorable James H. Quillen
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Jimmy: HISTORY'S GREATEST SWINDLE: SOCIAL SECURITY

Please accept this copy of Wilbur J. Cohen: The Pursuit of Power by Dr. Marjorie Shearon with the hope that you will read it. This carefully documented expose comes from an authoress fully qualified to lay the facts face up on the table--because she was there.

Read this excerpt from her letter to me:

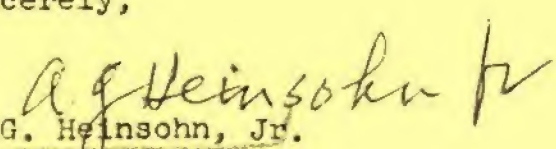
"Cohen has tremendous power. He now lays down the policies of the President and of the HEW Secretary besides having Senator Russell Long in his pocket as well as the two Kennedy boys. The Social Security taxes for which he is fighting will ruin many a small businessman and adversely affect larger corporations. They will, of course, give a big boost to inflation. It is really time that the Social Security swindle be exposed. Actuaries and other experts know the score, but the media won't tell the truth and the public is sadly in the dark. In the chapters on "Cohen's Chaos" and "The Bureaucratic Art of Lying," I discuss how Cohen has cornered the trust-fund market and how he has lied about Social Security and set himself above the Supreme Court and Federal attorneys. He has just wangled two awards for his work on Medicare, one for \$5,000, one for \$10,000. Quite a boy!"

Jimmy, why does Congress persist in changing America from a Republic of free men, trusting in God, into an atheistic, bankrupt welfare state? Does "party loyalty" demand this betrayal?

Surely, an honest investigation of the Social Security swindle by responsible Members of Congress is long overdue.

Sincerely,

AGH, Jr/mgb
Encs.


A. G. Heinsohn, Jr.
President

P. S. To save time and typing, I am taking the liberty of distributing copies of this letter.

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March 29, 1968

Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Bob:

Today I had a long telephone conversation with John Brown, reporting a little bit on our meeting on Monday and also discussing your visit on May 11.

In regard to discussion of the monetary situation, John Brown believes that the best qualified man in the country in this area is Von Mises. He realizes Von Mises is not good on his feet and because of his age probably would not be available. He thinks that Sennholz is the best Von Mises student in this area and that if you gave him enough advance notice, he would prepare a very good presentation, and is much more of a purist than either Macklin or Rothbard. I told John that you had some reservations about Sennholz' understanding of the conspiracy, and while John would make no comment about this, he said that every chance Sennholz gets he boosts the Society. At any rate, I leave this thought with you.

In regard to your visit, John concurs that the most productive thing we could do would be to get a comparatively small group of 15, and not more than 20, to meet with us at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and stay through dinner. We have made up a list and will divide the names among John, Harold Falk, and myself, to not only invite them but get their commitment to be there. On this basis you can make your travel plans so that you arrive in Milwaukee in time on Friday, May 10, for a 4 o'clock meeting.

You can plan to stay at our house, but if you would prefer we will have a room for you at the Sheraton-Schroeder where the McCarthy Dinner is to be. In fact, as of now, you have both reservations.

We also had in mind that if we get enough interest on Friday and some of these fellows would want to meet with you again on either

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Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Saturday morning or Saturday at luncheon, we would sort of hold you in reserve for that kind of a session.

I thought we had a good Executive Committee meeting.

Cordially,

Wm. J. Grede

WJG:dc

P.S. At noon today I met a foreign bank expert with whom I discussed briefly the dollar situation. In his opinion, the devaluing of the dollar will not take place by raising the price of gold but rather in the foreign exchange marketplace by how people will value the dollar in exchange. I asked him about the possibility of setting up a world currency, and while he thought that was a possibility, he thought before that happened there would be a common market currency with a gold backing.

de-valued

WJG

SAINT RITA CONGREGATION

2318 South 61st Street
West Allis, Wisconsin 53219
Phone 541-7515

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April 10, 1968
WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

Rev. Oswald G. Krusing
Pastor, St. Rita Parish
2318 S. 61 St.
West Allis, Wis. 53219

Dear Father Krusing:

This is in reply to your verbal and written order that I purchase (with my own funds) and arrange the installation of a new flag hoist rope on the parish flag pole, in view of the fact that I had wilfully cut and therefore destroyed the existing rope in my efforts to prevent your honoring the memory of Martin Luther King, that evil man and agent of Antichrist, by flying the American Flag at half-mast.

To review this incident for the benefit of other recipients of this letter: On Monday morning of this Holy Week, upon seeing our Flag at half-mast; a shameful profanation of Holy week and a desecration of our Nation's Flag, I immediately hoisted it back up to full-staff, only to be confronted by a lay teacher who approached me with orders from you that he was again to lower the Flag to half-staff. I adamantly refused to allow him to execute such an abominable action - "over my dead body!" - until he left the scene. Then I proceeded to make secure the full-mast position of the Flag by means of a padlock on the rope at the binding joint. Later on in the morning, on seeing that the Flag was again at half-mast, I proceeded to find the sharpest knife I possess and cut the rope and remove the flag completely from the pole, to prevent its further desecration, and locked it in a place to which only I have access. Sure enough, later in the day (due to what I must consider a diabolically-inspired obduracy), another flag was again seen flying half-mast on St. Rita's flag pole, simply tied or lashed in a makeshift fashion to the flagpole, doubtlessly by your orders.

My reply to your order to purchase and have installed a new flag hoist rope is this: If you assure me, with a written and signed sworn statement, that you will at no time in the future, under any circumstances whatsoever, order, permit, collaborate in, or tolerate the use of St. Rita's American Flag for any similar shameful or dishonorable purpose again, such as in honoring the memory of an evil man, revolutionist, agent of Satan, should such an occasion ever again arise (e.g. the conceivable case of the possible assassination of Gropi and his subsequent mourning, or any similar situation). If you do not provide me with such an absolute assurance, I cannot in conscience, and will not comply with your order to purchase and install a new flag hoist rope on the parish flag pole.

Your action was totally reprehensible and has made me thoroughly ashamed of you and likewise of any other pastor or bishop who similarly and gutlessly yielded to the pressure to honor that notorious evil man, Martin Luther King, a trainee and pawn of Communist agents, a collaborator with more Red front organizations than any other known American, and a prime catalyst in the present mass violence and disorder convulsing our Nation. The participation of civil and local authorities and public institutions in honoring King is likewise reprehensible, but is infinitely more forgivable than the same action perpetrated by ordained and consecrated priests and bishops of the Holy Catholic Church, who are sworn to promote the Kingdom of Christ, morality, holiness, true doctrine, and public order, and to fight with all their strength the Kingdom of Satan and the forces of immorality, anarchy and disorder. In conclusion, I recommend that you meditate on that passage in the Gospel-Passage of today, Wednesday in Holy Week, which you, I, and all priests read to the people this morning in church - a passage relating a treachery that strikingly resembles and prefigures the abomination perpetrated this week in 1968 in America: "'Away with this Man, and release to us BARRABAS!' - one who had been thrown into prison for a certain riot that had occurred in the city, and for murder. . . . So he released to them HIM, who for murder and riot had been put in prison . . . but Jesus he delivered to their will." (Luke xxiii, 19 & 25)

cc: The Most Rev. Roman R. Atkielski, Vic. Gen.
The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Leo J. Brust,
Et al. Chancellor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
REV. LAWRENCE S. DREY, Asst. Pastor

February 8, 1968

FEB 10 1968

PERSONAL & CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Robert Welch
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Bob:

The Bulletin for February is a good one except in my opinion your treatment of the Pueblo case. I agree that the North Korean stooges of Moscow would not have perpetrated this act without orders from Moscow. However, your treatment of the Pueblo incident is impaired by your bringing in the crash of the B-52 in Greenland with hydrogen bombs aboard. I feel sure you know it is standard practice for SAC bombers on air alert training missions to carry bombs. This SAC practice and capability is part and parcel of our nuclear deterrent. Anyway, I cannot imagine how this SAC crash with bombs in Greenland had anything to do with the seizure of the Pueblo. To my knowledge there have been at least three prior crashes of SAC B-52's with nuclear bombs aboard, so the crash in Greenland is not extraordinary.

I just hope that this plane crash unplanned and unexpected, from which you suggest we might learn something about the joint conspiring of Washington and Moscow which seems far fetched, may not unduly disparage the rest of your treatment of the Pueblo case.

Look forward to seeing you on March 1.

Sincerely,

C. B. Stone, III

bcc: Mr. Wm. J. Grede (Personal & Confidential)
c/o Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 South First Street
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

ROBERT WELCH
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

April 10, 1968

Mr. William J. Grede
c/o Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 South First Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Bill:

Were the Communists willing to have Martin Luther King assassinated, because he would be worth much more to them as a "martyr" than he was any longer worth alive? Who knows?

But if you never realized before what the Communists could get away with in this country -- what tools they can make of the American government and fools of the American people -- then the "spectacular" performance that has just been staged, for the benefit of Communist prestige and purposes, must surely have opened your eyes. And we have more to say about M. L. King in the brochure which is enclosed.

These comments, however, are simply a prelude to, rather than the subject matter of, this letter -- which is being sent to each of the several hundred people on our "special list." It is a sequel to the financial appeal at the end of our April Bulletin, which we hope you have read. For we merely refer you to, rather than repeat here, the details set forth in that message.

And the real purpose of this letter, other than to add another shock wave to those you may be undergoing, is quite simple. We are asking you to read, carefully, thoughtfully, and promptly, the enclosed thin brochure. It will take you less than thirty minutes to do so. And I would hate to tell you how many hours it has taken me to write it.

Then, if you can honestly say, to yourself, that you have already done your full share as a soldier in this war for life and freedom, we ask you to forget it. If not, we are asking for contributions "from each according to his ability," with the returns to each being nothing more than the satisfaction of having lived up fully to your responsibilities. And there are responsibilities created only by position or success or inheritance or knowledge; or by all of those bases of a truly civilized philosophy of life, which are expressed in "noblesse oblige." This adage of the ages says that superior rank imposes on any man worthy of it an inescapable obligation.

Please forgive the lecture. It was not so intended. We are merely trying to drive home once again the point -- even before you find it more fully explored in the accompanying printed message -- that we are right now at the very core of the greatest crisis and most important struggle in all human history. And that you are one of a comparatively few thousand or even a few hundred human beings who have somehow been placed by Providence where you can help very materially to determine the outcome.

One reason for this particular communication is quite important. Three times before this, in the history of the Society, and in order to try to grow fast enough to oppose the enemy with strength of realistic proportions, we have expanded our staff, overhead, and activities on the basis of expectations. One was in 1960, the other in the fall of 1962, and the last time was in the late fall of 1965 and early spring of 1966. (This was quite a sizable expansion, because we had received a very considerable sum of "additional money" and were led to expect about twice that much more which never materialized.)

We have survived them all. But we have no intention of living through the experience again. This is simply because, among other reasons -- if you will please forgive the highly personal nature of this paragraph -- to do so puts too much of a burden on me, and demands entirely too large a proportion of my energy and time. Fully one-half of what little I owned has long since been put, in one way or another, into The John Birch Society or its affiliated organizations. I shall continue to dedicate practically the whole of my life and thoughts to this fight, and so will many of those around me. But I will no longer try to implement the plans outlined herewith, or have us embark on such desperately needed projects and expansion, without the money being on hand or definitely committed for us to do so.

While I am and always shall be grateful beyond measure for so much confidence and support and sacrifice on the part of so many wonderful people, let me point out that this is not my struggle, but our struggle, which you are asked to support realistically if you have not already done your part. So now read the enclosed brochure first, and then let your own conscience be your guide.

And you have, as always, my very kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:jg

May 31, 1968

Mr. Robert D. Love
Love Box Company, Inc.
Box 546
Wichita, Kansas 67201

Dear Bob:

Charles Koch sent me a copy of the Wichita newspaper ad,
"Let's Get Out of Vietnam Now."

This is one of those situations where we get caught between
the John Birch Society and the Freedom School, and you know
how easy it would be for me to understand, even though at
this point I disagree with the viewpoint expressed in this
ad; however, I am a vital part of the John Birch Society as
I am of the Freedom School, and I would not feel it proper
for me to put my name on any public display ad which would
be diametrically opposed to either one of their positions.
As we have so frequently agreed between us, there seems to
be room for both, and I don't have nearly the conflict that
either Bob Welch or Bob LeFevre have in regard to the matter.

The Vietnam planned campaign that Welch has been promoting,
however, has produced nearly a million signatures on these
petitions. I don't think it should be sabotaged now.

I seriously think you should consider resigning from the
Council to eliminate this kind of conflict, and to avoid
any precipitous action, it might be advisable for you to
skip the Chicago Council meeting.

As long as I had written to Charles in response to his note
and had mentioned your name in his letter, I felt bound to
send you a copy which is enclosed.

Cordially yours,

Wm. J. Grede

WJG:dc

enc.

c - Robert Welch, Laurence H. Hunter, A. J. Minichon, Jr., Robert A. Montgomery,
Robert W. Stoddard,

May 31, 1968

Mr. Charles Koch
Koch Engineering Company, Inc.
321 West Douglas Avenue
Wichita, Kansas 67202

Dear Charles:

Your Wichita ad reprint and your note were received just as I was leaving to attend a meeting of the National Council of YMCA's where, incidentally, I had a visit with the YMCA Secretary from Wichita.

I have read the ad very carefully and I'm sure that you gave this a lot of consideration before arriving at the conclusions and the recommendations. The Communists have us in a box where we are damned if we do and damned if we don't.

The real problem it seems to me is that the Communists seem to control both sides of the war. Our government is aiding the Communist countries who are supplying all the sinews of war to North Vietnam, and at the same time refusing to really put up a fight with victory as the objective.

As tragic as the situation is in Vietnam, the real tragedy is in the struggle for control of our government. To withdraw will not change that. To break up this situation, the John Birch Society has been circulating petitions urging our Congress to stop giving aid to our Communist enemies, who really constitute the backbone of the resistance in North Vietnam. If we could be successful in this, the war would end rather quickly with a victory and defeat of the Communists over there as well as at home.

A quick victory is possible, it seems to me, if our government wants to win. If we follow your advice at this time and just pull out, then it seems to me we have lost the battle at home and in Vietnam. This would cause more damage and slaughter of innocent persons than even the war does, and with continuing Communist cruelty; whereas, if we make the sacrifice to win the war, the slaughter and damage would be considerably less and would end.

May 31, 1968

Mr. Charles Koch
Wichita, Kansas 67202

These are my views. I'm not certain what Bob Welch would think of my reasoning, but he certainly is putting on a drive for those petitions to persuade Congress to withhold aid to our Communist enemies so that we can weaken North Vietnam and get the war over, with a minimum of sacrifice and in the shortest time.

You have resigned from the Society, but it seems too bad that Bob Love, who is on the Council, and the others in your group, who may be members of the Society and known as such, would lend their names to an ad which is so contrary to present John Birch Society program. There is no reason, of course, why they cannot disagree with the policy, but on a matter as important as this, it seems they place themselves in kind of an untenable position by expressing their disagreement in such a public display ad.

If you and Bob and these others, whoever they may be, wish to publicly and vigorously launch a contrary program or viewpoint, they should resign from the Society and push their own program, but this ad is almost sabotage from within the Society. At least Bob who, as a member of the Council and the public knows, speaks officially for the Society should resign from the Council and thereby cancel this authority to speak for the Society.

Since I have referred to Bob Love in my letter, I am sending him a copy.

Cordially yours,

Wm. J. Grade

WJG:dc

cc - Mr. Robert D. Love

From the desk of-

CHARLES G. KOCH

MAY 22 1968

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a copy of an educational ad that Bob Love and I sponsored in the Wichita Sunday paper. I have yet to hear a person disagree on the points that are made and we have had quite a bit of feedback.

I am sending the copy for your own interest, but if you or someone else you know would care to do the same in a Milwaukee paper, you certainly have our permission to use this ad.

Charles

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June 5, 1968

Mr. Robert Welch
Union League Club
65 West Jackson Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois

Bob, due to apparently major differences of opinion on the Vietnam war and the stand I have taken and shall continue to take, it seems advisable that I resign from the Council of the John Birch Society and from the membership as well.

Please accept this letter as my request to you, and I hope the many facets of the pursuit of freedom will be successful, for the sake of all of us.

Regards,

Robert D. Love

CC: Mr. William J. Grede

Elm Grove.

Recd 6/7/68

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

June 11, 1968

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

At our COUNCIL meeting in Chicago on Saturday, June 8, Dr. Larry McDonald of Atlanta and two of his friends from Rome, Georgia, reported briefly at my request on their activities and accomplishments in the Rome area -- which they are now starting to repeat in other cities.

It was a very encouraging story, showing tremendous labor, patience, and determination. And so, to encourage them, I commented that there were other members in other areas who were matching this dedication. In the course of brief conversation during the next coffee break I mentioned one such indefatigable worker out of many who immediately came to mind.

The result was that I promised to send Dr. McDonald, for himself and his friends, a copy of a long letter I had received sometime ago concerning the activities of this particular member in Colorado. And before I could get around to doing so, it occurred to me that other members of the COUNCIL might also find it of interest. So a copy of the letter is enclosed. And if you have time to read the four pages, we believe you will have a clearer understanding of how and why our members have made The John Birch Society the one organization, and the one form of opposition, most feared and most smeared by the Communists anywhere in the world today. RW

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

510 Meadowlark Drive
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ROBERT WELCH

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CHARLES B. STONE, III

* Executive Committee

January 15, 1968

Mr. Robert Welch
The John Birch Society
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Mr. Welch:

This is the summary of Jim Leoffler's letter to you which you asked for when you were in Denver in November. This summary although impressive is incomplete for two reasons. The first is that I do not have records of his chapter activities farther back than March, 1965. So, what I have listed here is primarily what he has done since. And, secondly, getting this information from Jim is too embarrassing for him to reveal so I have had to accumulate it from my records, notes, and earlier conversations with him.

I know you are familiar with his billboard he put up in 1962-1963. He placed 4 large signs on the highway near his farm. They were stating impeachment of Earl Warren, and referred to fighting Communism and joining the John Birch Society. As you may recall, these signs were burned down creating a great deal of publicity. This publicity caused a great deal of repercussions in the community creating a division of the townspeople. As a result, up until about 1 1/2 years ago, the Leoffler family has been highly persecuted. I would say the attacks on them have been worse than any of our other members in my area have received.

However, the signs are still up! The attached clipping from The Rocky Mountain News of February 23, 1966 indicates positively that Jim and The John Birch Society are still out there fighting. Unknown to Jim even to this day is that the article was written by a U.P.I. reporter who is a Society member in Denver. The article was in response to Jim's complaints towards the damage to his signs.

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In addition, Jim has the top of his barn painted "JOIN THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY" and affixed to the top of the barn is another Impeach Earl Warren sign. Through his relentless devotion to his tasks, Jim now has succeeded in changing the attitudes of the people there about him and about the danger we face as a nation. Of course, to save face many of these people have not admitted this to Jim, however, I have received this information from other members who know people living out there.

As you know, Jim is a wheatfarmer and sheep raiser in Eastern Colorado. His chapter has 19 members. Of these 11 are Life Members. This includes Jim's family and 5 of these is two other families. It is unknown to me the extent of actual cash contributions Jim has made to the Society. I would estimate that Jim has contributed between 15-20 thousand dollars. This includes a purchase of stock in American Opinion. In September, 1966 he sold \$1500 worth of wheat and sent the money to you in reply to your financial appeal. He has his wheat crops of the past two years stored waiting for the market to go up so he can sell and get back into the fight.

One of the first things Jim did that I recall was to push through a resolution in his County Farm Bureau to oppose the passage of the Wheat Referendum in 1965. This resolution then passed the state and then the National Farm Bureau. Jim maintains that it went that far simply because of the initiative it received from his county which is Kit Carson. And, I have heard that Jim was influential in having this bill being brought up in our bulletin which helped defeat the referendum.

Jim has been bringing in our speakers to his area for some time. He has had such people as Glenn Johnson, Julia Brown, and Major Pedro Diaz Lanza. He has been using Project Knowledge since its inception here. Since then he has had Lois Belle Holmes, Norde Wilson, Alan Davidson, and Rev. Yearling. He will have Rev. Delmer Dennis this month. The average attendance his one chapter has gotten out has been 100-130 people.

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There is not a harder working chapter at selling tickets for the TACT speakers. Jim and his family and other members will completely canvass neighboring towns going door to door selling. His TACT committee has about 12 sponsors, and they are listed on the TACT brochures. They are all non-JBS members. They all live in towns within 100 miles of Jim. Jim then has the speakers talk in the various towns where the sponsors live...all the way from Deer Trail to Cheyenne Wells. He has moved many of the sponsors closer to the Society and plans to form another chapter from the TACT activities there. One sponsor gave Jim a \$500 contribution.

His chapter has worked equally hard in obtaining signatures on Vietnam petitions. His chapter has accounted for at least 500 signatures. Imagine what that would mean if every chapter would do that...over two million signatures to date! One month recently he and his members spent 12 evenings going door to door in one town obtaining signatures. Last summer he took his "Saw & Merica Bookmobile", a camper with bookshelves built in on his pickup truck to the State Fair in Pueblo for 4 1/2 days. And then he spent 1 day each at 4 separate County Fairs. In addition to petition signatures, he distributed a lot of material.

Jim has subscribed to our bulletin for about 25 people. Needless to say, these are future members of the Society or should be.

His chapter pays for our radio program, "Are You Listening, Uncle Sam". It is broadcast from Burlington, Colorado and the reactions thus far have been very good. Jim has had reports from over 100 miles away of its being heard.

Jim has distributed at least 2 cases of Ill Faces The Land, a very significant book out there. This is just one illustration of the material he has pushed in his end of the country.

In the last year he has recruited 2 new members through correspondence in Park County about 200 miles west of him. They are the nucleus to a chapter and we will have our first presentation there in February, 1968.

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Since we are seeking approximately .2 of 1% of the total population, Jim's chapter has reached beyond that percentage in Kit Carson County which has a population of 7000. His chapter, largely through FACT, has a great deal of influence in other counties including Cheyenne, Yuma, Lincoln, and Kiowa. He also gets into several counties in Kansas where he is Section Leader for 2 chapters. One is in St. Francis 70 miles northwest and the other is Byrd City about 80 miles southeast.

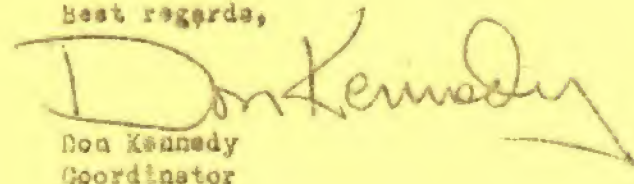
Jim is probably the strongest leader in my territory. He has the utmost respect of his members. Never to my knowledge has a member been dropped from his chapter. Attending his meetings is a pleasure. They contain a high degree of participation and discussion by all members. His example of leadership and dedication influences other leaders and members who meet him. To illustrate what an inspiration he is--I recommend to any members a very worthwhile trip to drive 200 miles to talk with Jim Leoffler. Several have and have come back fired up and more dedicated members!

Whenever I am out there, Jim asks how things are going and then proceeds to spend about an hour telling us everything his chapter has been doing. It is really an uplift for me! And then he will say, "...but we are not doing enough..." Mr. Welch, if all my chapters were doing what Jim's has done, we would be much farther ahead towards victory!

That about covers some of the highlights of what Jim Leoffler has done for us. Of course, I could not cover the routine things Jim is doing every day for the Society. I do hope the above will be interesting and worthwhile to you.

Linda and I plan to take a week's vacation and come out to the Council Dinner on March 1. We will look forward to saying hello to you.

Best regards,


Don Kennedy
Coordinator

ROBERT WELCH
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

June 12, 1968

JUN 14 1968

Mr. Robert D. Love
Box 546
Wichita, Kansas

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of June 5, which reached me at the Union League Club in Chicago. There was no opportunity for consideration there, so I delayed until my return to Belmont.

The recent full-page advertisement in the Wichita paper, demanding that the United States simply pull out of Vietnam, unconditionally and at once, was like a public campaign against the Society's position which is officially on record. The public and our members take for granted that you as a member of our COUNCIL are automatically authorized to and do speak and have regularly spoken for and on behalf of the Society. This, as you know, is a prerogative which we have carefully guarded.

Therefore, the advertisement referred to above not only proclaimed publicly a position, with regard to our nation's present responsibilities, which is diametrically opposed to the position of the Society -- and, so far as I know, of every other member of our COUNCIL except yourself -- but could certainly be construed as organized opposition. We appreciate, therefore, that to avoid an untenable position it will be better for you to be free to proclaim your own views without any embarrassment to either the Society or yourself.

We are, therefore, accepting your resignation from our COUNCIL and from the Society. To comply with my obligation to the COUNCIL, a photostatic copy of your understanding letter of resignation and of this acceptance will be mailed to each member. There will be gradual changes in our letterheads and brochures, as new printings are ordered, but we shall make no announcement unless you wish us to do so.

We will continue our efforts and wish you well in whatever you may do that helps the anti-Communist cause.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:jm

WYMAN-GORDON COMPANY

WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01601

ROBERT W. STODDARD
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

JUN 20 1968

June 18, 1968

Mr. Robert Love
President
Love Box Company
Wichita, Kansas 67201

Dear Bob:

I was sorry to receive copy of your letter to Bob Welch and his reply, but, of course, I understand the reasons for your feeling. "Many of us with the same basic goals can have different ideas as to methods. It is perfectly possible for individual members to disagree on details without jeopardizing the efforts of the Society, but I agree that a member of the Council, whether he actually does or not, is assumed by outsiders to speak for the Society and must, therefore, agree with basic policies and important programs."

The whole Vietnam problem is a distressing one, but we can't go back and start over. We have to begin from where we are now, and I cannot bring myself to feel that your course is the best one long range.

However, our interest is in preventing a Communist take over and I don't care how this is done as long as we succeed. I hope we can continue to count on your support and help in this basic cause which so mutually concerns us. I also hope there will be other occasions when our paths may cross.

Best personal regards.

RWS:bf

cc: Mr. William Grede /

Bob

5/11/68

Mr. Robert D. Love

Dear Bob:

Your letter of June 5, pursuant to Bill Grede's letter of May 31, reached me at the Union League Club in Chicago and is much appreciated.

I am, of course, very sorry that developments over recent years have made advisable this termination of your activities in The John Birch Society. But many of us have, as you know, become increasingly unhappy over the conflict between some of those activities and the officially determined policies and procedures of the Society.

The recent full-page advertisement in the Wichita paper, demanding that the United States simply pull out of Vietnam, unconditionally and at once, brought these differences to a head. For we are officially on record, and the public takes for granted, that a member of our Council is automatically authorized to speak for the Society. This is a prerogative which we have so carefully guarded that, except for members of the Council and myself, there are only four other people--all specifically designated--who are authorized to be spokesmen for the Society's policies and views.

The advertisement referred to above not only proclaimed publicly a position, with regard to our nation's present responsibilities, which is diametrically opposed to the position of the Society--and, so far as I know, of every other member of our Council except yourself--but could certainly be construed as amounting to sabotage of one of our major projects. We do feel, therefore, that it would be better for you to be free to proclaim your own views on this or any other subject without any embarrassment to either the Society or yourself.

We are, therefore, accepting your resignation from our Council and from the Society, with sadness, but also a definite conviction that this course is best for both you and ourselves. And we shall certainly still wish you well in whatever you may do that helps the anti-Communist cause.

Sincerely,

P.S. We are sending a photostatic copy of your friendly letter of resignation, and a carbon copy of this acceptance, to each member of our Council, in accordance with my duty to keep them ~~fully~~ properly informed. Otherwise, while there will be gradual changes in our letterheads and brochures, as new printings are ordered, we shall make no announcement unless you wish us to do so.

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EXECUTIVE
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June 19, 1968

Mr. Robert D. Love, President
Love Box Company, Inc.
Wichita, Kansas

Bob, I received your newspaper ad and have read it carefully. This letter is in response to my phone call to you to find out what it is all about. I also called Bill Grede for the same purpose.

As I told you on the phone, Bob, I not only believe we must stay in Vietnam and win but that we should have a declared war and go all out to win it as quickly as possible. Then, maybe the war controls can be lifted. As we are now doing we have crisis upon crisis and control upon control and never will we lift the emergency measures. I say this in spite of the fact that to win the war is only half of it. We must win the peace, and to do that we must make changes in Washington.

On the other hand, we can not win the peace until we have won the war. The odds we will or can do both is strongly against us, but the odds are even greater if we get out of Vietnam without a victory. We are in Vietnam because we did not do the job in Korea and we will be right back in another war until we win it or lose our free country. If I had my way we would not have been in Korea or Vietnam, but we are in it... so let's win it. I would, however, have been in Cuba before now.

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Mr. Robert Love
June 19, 1968

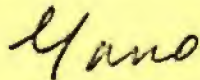
Bob, I've just returned from a trip around the world. My first trip was 41 years ago. These trips have taken me to 47 countries and I can report to you that the world has changed its views about the Government of the United States. Most of them like "we the people", but think our Government is lousy. They have nothing but utter disrespect for our foreign policy. We are a paper tiger to them can't lick a flea. To get out of Vietnam without a complete victory would prove it to them and to us also.

I sincerely believe the Communists want us to either continue as we have or get out for the time being. We tried that in Korea. We went into the conference room with white flags and we have no peace. It's time we stop running our foreign relations to please the Communists. Wars are an integral part of this whole Communist Conspiracy, and to run from them only causes them to pursue us.

Let's not give the mass media an opportunity to make a story out of this separation.

I hope to go to Topeka, Saturday, and if I do... I will try and see you.

Best regards to you and your good wife.

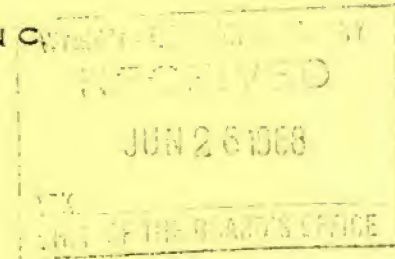
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LOVE BOX COMPANY, INC.
WICHITA, KANSAS

ROBERT D. LOVE
PRESIDENT

June 20, 1968



Mr. Robert W. Stoddard
Wyman-Gordon Company
Worcester, Massachusetts 01601

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Bob, your kind letter of June 18th is received and most welcome. I am well aware of the problems created in any organization when someone speaks out of policy, especially in an organization such as the John Birch Society. I, therefore, understand the necessity for my resignation, and I hope, by it all, more and more pressure can be put on the administration in Washington to get the problem settled. Not claiming to be in possession of all the truth, I would like for you to sometime tell me what we will do if we win in Viet Nam. Dr. Franz Pick, the famed economist of New York City, says we will spend 100 Billion Dollars to rebuild Viet Nam, if we win. We cannot afford what we are now doing in the way of war, and I can hear the liberals scream for the money to rebuild Viet Nam after the war, no matter how it ends. We have won each war we have been in, except Korea and Viet Nam, and we are going broke trying to finance them. You and I are in a comfortable situation and could probably survive almost any financial crisis, but I do not think this is the case with the bulk of the people in this country. If we think we have seen riots based on race, wait until we couple race riots with welfare riots. As Dr. Mises says, "I hope I am not alive when it happens."

You are quite right, "...we can't go back and start over (in Viet Nam)." It is obvious we are like a ship-wrecked sailor, and we cannot say we wish we had not been on the ship. That is not good enough. We are now in a life-boat and we had better get away from where we are, going to a position of

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strength for the impending financial situation, which is nothing more than uninformed and unrestrained political activity. For two years I have agonized over this course, and the reaction to the ad has been quite good. This course is the best one long-range, because, if we do not take it, we'll adapt communism philosophically and operationally without even knowing it. Wage and price controls are right around the corner, and the next tax increase is already passed.

Each of us looks at the problem and says, "Well, it will not happen in my lifetime, so I'll do whatever is best not to disturb my own life too much." I am interested in preventing a Communist takeover, but this will not be done by getting ourselves into the position of adapting the tactics of communism in our financial and economic practices. You are a good student of history and understand that we shall be ruled by the iron hand of fiscal sanity, or chaos will result.

You can certainly always count on my support, and my activity will not diminish in the slightest. It is simply that each man has a value scale to implement, and, sad to say, organizations sometimes cloud the issues rather than clarify them. I am certain our efforts here will parallel those of the John Birch Society in applying pressure where it should be applied, as I have been unable to see any difference in the goals.

With best personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bob", is written below the text.

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WICHITA, KANSAS

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June 28, 1968

Mr. Robert W. Stoddard
Wyman-Gordon Company
Worcester, Massachusetts 01601

Thanks, Bob, for your letter of June 26th, and the resolution on Worcester Tech. Obviously the statement was written with your good, clear thoughts, and it certainly spells out how you intend to operate. This is so good, I wonder if you have one concerning government money. I would like to use it as a guide for some other institutions.

I just attended a meeting in New York City with some independent school people concerned with the continued attempt by local, state, and federal governments to regulate the independent schools by accreditation process. These men are finally becoming excited, but the problem is educating them in the free market, as they have adapted many socialistic ideas over the years. They do see government as it is (force) for the first time, and they are beginning to get their backs up. I must admit, in all honesty, that my credibility seemed to be much better among those academicians when it was revealed I am no longer a member of the John Birch Society. I hastened to correct any idea that I disagree with the Society, but, nevertheless, the feeling was different than any I have had for the last ten years.

We have had much good comment on our Viet Nam ad and a real questioning by middle-of-the-roaders on why we take this position. It may be that pressure can be put on the politicians by the John Birch Society to win and by some others to get out, and both of us have the same economic

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grounding. This country will surely vote in a dictator, if the chaos and confusion of inflation continue to mount. Germany, Japan, France and England have not been able to protect the world, and they have had to withdraw for economic reasons. We'll do the same. Even James Kilpatrick of the Richmond Newsleader said just yesterday, "We have already lost in Viet Nam." That's quite a statement from one of his persuasion.

Let's not blind ourselves to personal loyalties, Bob, but think this thing all the way through. This is one of the big reasons you are successful in business and well thought of in other circles. I hope I can attain that same position some day, but it cannot be attained through inconsistent thought. Viet Nam is still only a part of a bigger decision, which I am certain we recognize. Let's hope it can be resolved soon, so this senseless slaughter can be stopped and put an end to the economic bleeding.

Best personal regards,

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100 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK 17, N.Y.

ADDRESS REPLY TO
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SEVIERVILLE, TENNESSEE 37862

July 11, 1968

Honorable H. R. Gross
House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Gross: OATH-VIOLATING DESPOILERS IN CONGRESS

Please permit the undersigned, who persists in worshipping God and not government, to thank you for your courageous exposures of malfeasance that crops up constantly in Washington.

Your present exposure of the attempt to sneak through Congress a bill boosting the retirement pensions of Congressmen is, as you say, "an affront to the American taxpayer."

We people back home indeed must be stupid, or else hopeless cowards, to permit ourselves to be voted into faceless, taxpaying slaves by Congresses top-heavy with self-seeking oath-violators since 1933.

Well, we cannot say we were not forewarned.

Thirty-six years ago, Calvin Coolidge, Republican, and Alfred E. Smith, Democrat, issued this joint warning:

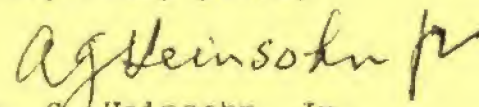
"Unless the people, through unified action, arise and take charge of their government, they will find that their government has taken charge of them."

Today, our sons are slaughtered in no-win, undeclared wars while our leaders play a traitorous game of "footsie" with the enemy. Our irredeemable, printing press dollars buy less each day as our taxes are increased, so that unconstitutional give-aways, at home and abroad, may continue. An ever-increasing horde of bureaucratic masters tells us how to run our farms, our schools, and our businesses. Instead of being respected, we are despised around the globe as a nation of idiots committing suicide. Parrots of the press and the air-waves feature acts of lawlessness and preach the communistic nonsense that we people back home are to blame for the misdeeds of criminals.

In the crash that must accompany the inevitable day of reckoning, will the decent, law-abiding citizens be found unarmed and defenseless while armed, red-inspired rioters, rapists, and arsonists burn America into submission, according to the communist blueprint?

What good, then, will a retirement pension be to these oath-violating despoilers in Congress?

Very truly yours,


A. G. Heinsohn, Jr.

AGH, Jr/mgb
cc: Congress, Press, Elsewhere

July 17, 1968

Mr. Robert Welch
The John Birch Society
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a proposed draft of a letter to Dr. Phillips. In explanation, I think first that there should be a denial that his resignation was requested and, furthermore, I would not indicate that the advertisement brought matters to a head, which would indicate a long series of disagreements. After all, we called Bob's untenable position to his attention. It's true I suggested that he might wish to resign, but his action was a voluntary act on his part, and I think it is unnecessary to say that the Council did or did not unanimously agree.

I do think that you ought to say something in defense of your position on Vietnam. I'm not sure I've said it correctly, but a brief paragraph in this regard might be helpful.

For what it is worth, I send you this draft, and I'm sure you will rewrite it in your own special way to suit this occasion.

Cordially,

Wm. J. Grede

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1/17/68

Dear Dr. Phillips:

When the inconsistency of his position as a Council member was called to Mr. Love's attention by one of our Council members, without any request from me or anyone else that he resign, Mr. Love voluntarily resigned from the Council and the Society.

In response to his letter of resignation, one of our members put it this way, "Many of us with the same basic goals can have different ideas as to methods. It is perfectly possible for individual members to disagree on details without jeopardizing the efforts of the Society, but I agree that a member of the Council, whether he actually does or not, is assumed by outsiders to speak for the Society and must, therefore, agree with basic policies and important programs."

To us it seems that the real struggle is not in Vietnam but with our government in Washington, and if their present intentions are as subversive as we think they are, withdrawing from Vietnam now would in the first place be a very costly procedure and would encourage similar action in other parts of the world. To save our national solvency, the cheapest thing is to move in quickly and win the war. The proponents of withdrawal are assuming that the government in Washington does not wish our government to become insolvent and that if they withdrew, they would not re-engage. I'm sorry, we don't have that much confidence in our government, and so we advocate that they proceed with their avowed purpose, to stop the North Vietnamese by winning the war quickly.

We are not asking you as a member of the Society to necessarily agree with us. This is our reasoned conclusion. But if we launch a program similar to our petition program, which becomes nationwide, we would hope that those in an official position in the Society would at least not oppose the program. At no time would you be forced to defend the Society, if you disagreed.

We would hope that you will reconsider and reinstate your membership, but if not, we still appreciate the support you have given the Society in the past, and we hope that your efforts in the anti-Communist movement will continue.

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH C. PHILLIPS, O. D.

7050 EAST LINCOLN
WICHITA, KANSAS 67207

July 10, 1968

Mr. Robert Welch
The John Birch Society
Belmont 78, Mass.

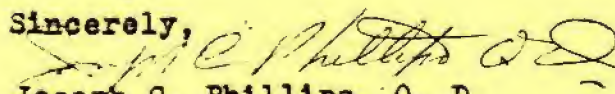
Dear Mr. Welch:

It is with regret that I have learned of your request for the resignation of Mr. Robert D. Love from the national council of the John Birch Society.

I believed, because of your own repeated statements in the bulletin, that the policy of the society was that while we have differences of opinion with other conservative groups, publications and individuals, we none the less supported them in our common cause. For this reason alone I do not understand your action. I cannot see any great difference between the society's position of win in Viet Nam and get out, and Mr. Love's position of getting out now, before we completely spend our country into bankruptcy and collectivism, while defending a South Vietnamese government that is dedicated neither to private enterprise nor individual liberty. The end result is essentially the same, except that in one case our national solvency might be preserved. Since you have repeatedly said we are paying the bills for both sides, wouldn't it make better sense to get out right now and stop the farce of perpetual war for perpetual peace?

All Americans owe you a debt of gratitude for building the John Birch Society. The society has been a monument to the principal that individualistic, strong willed, hard headed conservatives can work together. Will it continue to be? I hope so, but I am afraid not. Should the remaining members of the national council fail to convince you to rescind your request for Mr. Love's resignation, then I think there has been a serious slip in the rationale that has governed the society. I have never been afraid of anything the leaders of the society might say or do, because I knew it would be a reasoned, logical position. Now I am greatly concerned with what might be said or done next. Because I do not care to be put into a situation where I would be forced to defend an illogical, or unreasoned position, I here request that my name and that of my wife, (Mary Ellen Phillips), be removed from the membership rolls of the John Birch Society.

Sincerely,


Joseph C. Phillips, O. D.

July 13, 1968

Joseph C. Phillips, O. D.
7050 East Lincoln
Wichita, Kansas 67207

Dear Dr. Phillips:

Our acceptance of Mr. Love's resignation from our COUNCIL and from The John Birch Society itself was unanimously approved by the five members of our Executive Committee. We then sent copies of the letter of resignation and of our letter of acceptance to all other members of our COUNCIL. And we have reason to believe that the reaction was practically the same.

For unfortunately, Dr. Phillips, the situation is not so clearcut as it seemed to you. In the full-page advertisement Mr. Love, well known to be a member of our COUNCIL, and thereby authorized to speak officially for the Society, took a position with which every other member of our COUNCIL strongly disagreed. This was certainly embarrassing to us, and probably to Mr. Love. So it was this advertisement which brought matters to a head. But actually this was merely the culmination in a long series of unhappy relations between Mr. Love and not only the management of the Society but a preponderant majority of our members in the Wichita area as well.

We do not like to be voicing criticisms of other Conservatives if we can avoid it. We have preferred and still prefer not to go into any of these other disagreements at all. So we shall have to leave the decision concerning your resignation from the Society entirely up to Mrs. Phillips and yourself. We hope you will reconsider and stay with us, of course. But if not, we still appreciate the support you have given the Society in the past. And we send our earnest thanks and kind regards to you both.

Sincerely,

RW:jm

Robert Welch

8/15/68
ROBERT WELCH
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

July 15, 1968

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Mr. Wm. J. Grede
Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 South First Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is photostatic copy of a letter of resignation from a member in Wichita. (Apparently the news of Bob Love's resignation is just now beginning to get out in the city.)

Also enclosed is the original and one copy of my reply to this member's letter. If you approve, please drop the stamped envelope, with the original in it, in the mail for us, or return it here for me to do so. And keep the carbon copy for your files, since we shall probably use practically the same letter in other cases.

If you do not approve, and wish to make suggestions, they will certainly be welcome. Or if you do not have time, just send the letter back anyway, and I'll either try again or let this and any further resignations stand by default. We shall still be far better off in Wichita, and in the COUNCIL, in any event.

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The party is now really getting rough. The death of Joe Pool is a terrible blow to us. Confidentially, he had spent all of last Saturday with Rex Westerfield in our office in San Marino. That is what he had gone to Los Angeles for, and he was returning to Washington on Sunday. What he was doing in Houston Sunday we have no idea. He with our help or we with his had completely blocked the planned subversion of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (Our members really came through in compliance with our request in the July Bulletin, added because of what came up after the Executive Committee meeting.) But Joe Pool was just about the only really forceful and fighting member of the present HCUA, so what happens now there is no way to tell.

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Here's hoping you have had a grand fishing trip and rest. And we look forward to seeing you here on July 29.

Sincerely,

Bob

RW:jm

Robert Welch

ROBERT WELCH
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

August 12, 1968

Mr. Wm. J. Grede
Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 South First Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Bill:

Of course I should not get into this argument at all, or I would write directly to Fred Nymeyer. Also, now that the Republican Convention is over, and Reagan was not nominated for anything, the issue may have lost its interest anyway.

But once anybody has accepted and acted on a fallacy, or let himself be "sold" by a phony, it is amazing the lengths to which he will go to keep from having to admit and face up to this mistake. In the present instance, of course, it is a "she" rather than a "he." For Rose Martin shows, in her letter of August 1 to Nymeyer, just how completely her judgement and even her intellectual honesty have been set aside in the effort to maintain her enthusiasm for Reagan. The appendix to her own book, Fabian Freeway, for instance, does not list the "charter members" of the ADA at all. What she gives in the appendix of that book is a list of ADA members constituting a "Committee of the whole," as of 1947, as revealed by hearings before the House Select Committee on Lobbying Activities in July, 1950. While the Los Angeles Times, in its issue of June 22, 1965, on Page 27, does state positively that Reagan was a "Charter Member" of the ADA. And as for Rose Martin's statement about the Steffgen book that "there is little or no truth in it," this is almost unforgivable. For while the book is, in my opinion, poorly written and poorly assembled, it consists almost entirely of plain facts and "truth," however poorly organized. As for the rest of Rose Martin's letter, so far as it deals with Reagan, even I could tear that to pieces enough to make her look very silly indeed.

So I just thought I would rattle off these comments for you, whether or not you think it is worth while to forward any of them on to Fred Nymeyer.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

Bob

RW:jm

Robert Welch

SEP 19 1968

September 17, 1968

To Some Very Patient
And Patriotic People:

Because it is not feasible to break down even our special mailing list into various classifications, this letter is going to many for whom it is not intended — except as reading matter which may be of interest. We are not asking for more money in September from contributors who were already so generous in April. All we ask of these good friends is that they not be mad at us, while we turn for further help to those whom we did not reach before.

It is not that we have learned how to be more persuasive, but that month by month history is now giving stronger support to our arguments. As you will see. In the meantime we have been suffering from vacations. Not vacations on the part of our staff; but vacations, on the part of many of our friends, from sending us contributions during July and August. For even while the weather was beautiful at the beaches and invigorating in the mountains, none of our expenses took any vacations at all.

We are also suffering heavily from the competition of political candidates for all available dollars. Many of our regular contributors have even written us to that effect. But none of the political campaigns has reduced our expenses any. In fact, the political excitement has had just the opposite effect, because it has so greatly increased the opportunities for us to do an effective educational job. And there are also more basic reasons why something like an emergency has been gradually creeping upon us.

Thanks in large part to the generous response accorded our special appeal last spring, our consolidated statement for this activity as a whole (including all three corporations) showed a net gain for the first six months of 1968 amounting to \$320,196.20. But the combined deficit for 1966 and 1967 was a considerably larger sum. During those two very difficult years we had to borrow a lot of money in order to stay alive. The interest on that money, plus full or partial payment of the notes now maturing, is a heavy load against current operations. And it will be until we can get out from under this weight hanging over us.

By the spring of 1966 the cumulative effect of all the smears against us, which had been carried on incessantly since 1961, made it difficult to bring into the Society enough prospects of the caliber and character we wanted. So we sought other ways to keep on increasing our reach and effectiveness. Most successful of these has been our widespread formation of local ad hoc committees, such as TACT, TRAIN, and *Support Your Local Police*. As a result we now have more than twice as many patriotic men and women working in The John Birch Society educational program as we had at the beginning of 1966. Except through the purchase of literature, however, and putting together audiences for our speakers, these ad hoc committees do not contribute to the revenues of the Society. And we have not yet been able to find any practicable means of having them do so. Instead they represent considerable expense for our organizing and supervisory efforts.

awakening of the great mass of the American people now taking place. And we believe that our contribution to the whole Americanist cause has helped mightily to buy the time for further recruits and reinforcements on our side of the battle.

To support this optimism let's look objectively at the picture ahead. It is now clear and quite revealing. For the *Insiders* who run the show in this country have exerted their power and pressures through an alternating strategy. During a long stretch under Roosevelt and Truman they used their influence to move us steadily and directly down the road to Communism, by steps taken in the name of progress and reform. Then a growing awareness among the American people of what was really happening brought a rising revulsion against the whole Communist program. So the *Insiders* went through the proper motions, and put their reverse strategy to work.

For the next eight years, under Eisenhower, the movement into Communism was carried out more subtly, in the guise of opposing it. The Administration was constantly yielding to some part of some Communist-inspired demand, as the lesser of two evils! The theme was that we must in every case give the Communists half a loaf to keep them from seizing the whole loaf by force and revolution. Actually, of course, in each instance half a loaf was all the Communists were after, and all that — within their strategy of patient gradualism — they were yet ready to absorb. But in time the anti-Communist fervor of the American people, which had made the election of Eisenhower both necessary and possible, was dissipated, confused, and frustrated by this unceasing deception.

So the *Insiders* turned the switch again, and went back to their forward strategy. During the next eight years, under Kennedy and Johnson, we have seen measures that lead to total government being continuously sold to the American people (or at least rammed down their throats) as something desirable — rather than as something bad which we had to accept to keep from getting something worse. But by the end of these eight years a new understanding, new revulsion, and new determination were arising to threaten the Communist program. And it was time once more for the *Insiders* to go back to their

strategy of reversal.

In fact, the *Insiders* had anticipated this need well in advance. This is why, in 1968, they did not want a Lyndon Johnson or a Robert Kennedy to be elected President, and were willing to take rather extreme measures to prevent it. Least of all did they want a Hubert Humphrey elected, but that required nothing extreme at all. They could safely arrange to have him nominated, and thus strengthen the strategy they were using. For he had no more chance of being elected than Mickey Mouse. But having Humphrey as an opponent could make even Richard Nixon look Conservative — exactly as Adlai Stevenson had done for Eisenhower.

In this next — and perhaps final — period of Armageddon, the *Insiders* wish above all to avoid precipitating too soon, in the United States, any open and determined revolt on the part of anti-Communists. This is what happened in Spain thirty years ago, as they well remember. Such a revolt is far less likely if the American patriots can be kept frustrated and divided by the belief, on the part of many of them, that the Administration is itself anti-Communist. So the *Insiders* think they can accomplish far more for the Communist movement, *far more safely*, with an Eisenhower-type Administration, this time under Richard Nixon, than they could with a Kennedy or a Humphrey as President. And they can, *unless there is sufficient understanding of what is taking place*. But such an Administration will have to move more subtly and at first more cautiously than would a Johnson-type regime. Fortunately, this provides the time for us to create that understanding. (And thus to win this struggle in *our* way, without the horror of armed rebellion.)

There are a lot of influential patriots supporting Nixon who think that his election will automatically bring many good Conservatives into government; and that with this addition to the official Conservative ranks they — rather than the Liberals — will be able to guide the Administration, and in the right direction. This is a political argument, in which we take neither side. But it is all the more reason why our clear task remains what it always has been. And that is, to keep right on strengthening the Society, expanding its activities, and making them more effective.

Like Old Man River . . .

"All right," you say, "we can see why The John Birch Society needs more money. But is it accomplishing enough to deserve all the financial support it needs?" So let us go over that ground also, once again, though much more concisely than on earlier occasions. And we'll start with a specific illustration, out of hundreds that are available.

At the time of the Democratic Convention in Chicago there were lawless "demonstrations," amounting to incipient revolution, which had been carefully plotted by the Communists for months. This criminal vandalism was not only abetted by some members of the press, but completely false charges of "police brutality" were screamed continuously by many newspapers and broadcasters, against the very police who, with marvelous restraint, were doing such a magnificent job of protecting the Convention and the city itself. Despite this massive wave of falsehoods and distortions, when Mayor Daley told the people of Chicago that their police force had been doing its duty honorably and well, the people believed Daley instead of the Liberal clamor. Which proved to be quite important. One major reason for this triumph of truth over lying pro-Communist propaganda was that for two years our fifty-two TACT Committees in the area had already been telling the residents of Greater Chicago the *Truth About Civil Turmoil*, and about the Communist hands behind it. And the ultimate result of the whole affair was a terrific setback to the Communist program for insurrection.

The AFL-CIO now complains bitterly that over the past few years The John Birch Society has gradually changed the attitude of the public towards the present Supreme Court until today that attitude is two-to-one unfavorable. You can readily imagine what would be the plight of our local police forces today, but for the work of The John Birch Society over recent years in waking people up to the Communist plot against them. That we have played the leading role in showing the Communist hands and plans at the core of all the agitation in the name of "civil rights" is beyond question. The impact of our petition campaign against aid by our government to our nation's Communist enemies will show up more and more in the months ahead. And all of this is only

a fraction of the story.

The framework for our wide range of activities consists of nearly a hundred Coordinators, nearly a thousand Section Leaders, and nearly four thousand Chapter Leaders (many of whom conduct two or even three chapters). We maintain a constant outpouring of millions of copies of books, magazines, and pamphlets. We have 450 bookstore units which serve as distribution centers for Conservative publications. Our Speakers Bureau sponsors hundreds of speeches every quarter. Our films, film strips, tapes, and records reach, with great effectiveness, total audiences running into hundreds of thousands. We have thousands of local ad hoc committees, and tens of thousands of dedicated members of the Society itself, constantly engaged in concerted action on carefully planned specific projects. In plain language, we have the *only* continuous, comprehensive, organized, nationwide, anti-Communist educational program in America. (Or, for that matter, in the world. It is a new kind of opposition which the Communists have never faced anywhere else before.)

This program has been, and still is, capable of changing the political climate in one area after another — or of contributing mightily to such changes. What has already happened, or is now taking place, in California, Texas, Idaho, Alabama, Indiana, New Jersey, and Georgia offer explicit illustrations. The total influence of The John Birch Society on the thinking of the American public has been immeasurable. This influence is continuing right now at the highest level since we started. And it is going to become much greater yet. Because today, wherever you turn, more and more people are saying: "Well, I believe The John Birch Society has been right all of the time."

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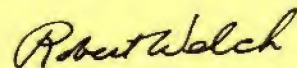
In appeals like this one we have twice laid out in some detail the level of organization and of activity which we felt would make victory assured. Despite the sacrifices, labor, and dedication of our members, we have not been able to get anywhere near those levels. But we have done our utmost with the resources and strength we did have. The result has been of vital significance. For there is a tremendous

We Keep On Rolling Forward To Serve A Greater Need . . .

By December of 1968 The John Birch Society will have survived ten years— the last seven of them against almost every conceivable step the Communists and their dupes and allies could devise to destroy us. We have become, and have remained, a powerful force on the American scene. But just one year ago we published *This Is It!*, and no truly informed person could now doubt that the title was justified. We are heading into the final battles of the Communist terror and tyranny on one side, against a humane social order on the other, to see which will survive. In preparation for that stage of the struggle we wish, by the time of our Tenth Anniversary Dinner in Indianapolis on December 7, 1968, to be stronger in numbers, in morale, in dedication, and in financial solidity, than ever before. Every bit of this aspiration is easily possible. And on the weight which we can then put into the scales where the opposing forces are balanced may well depend the future of our freedom, our lives, our country, and our civilization.

It is with this possibility and this responsibility in mind that we are asking again for *realistic* help while there still is time. We are pleading for checks of three thousand to a hundred thousand dollars each to The John Birch Society, or *American Opinion*, or *The Review Of The News* (three separate corporations) from those who have that kind of money. From all others, except those who have already done their full share, we are asking for similar help in proportion to your means. And we do assure you that every dollar will be spent to the best advantage, in this war between good and evil, that we can possibly determine.

Sincerely,

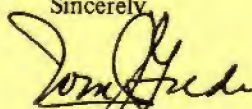


Boston, Massachusetts
September 14, 1968

To The Same Patient
And Patriotic People:

At the regular quarterly meeting of the COUNCIL today, with a majority present, the above letter was duly discussed and carefully considered. Both the appeal itself and the letter expressing it were unanimously endorsed and earnestly supported by all members in attendance.

Sincerely,



Wm. F. Grede
Chairman, The Executive Committee

Airmail
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ROBERT WELCH
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

November 4, 1968

Mr. William J. Grede
c/o Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 South First Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a carbon copy of a letter I have just written to Charles Koch, but which has not yet been mailed.

It would be far better, of course, if you were willing and could spare the time to take the original of this letter with you, see Charles and read it to him or with him, and then urge upon him -- if necessary -- acceptance of our invitation.

But there may be any number of reasons why you would prefer not to do this, or why it is not practicable within the period immediately after the elections when it would seem to me best to issue this invitation. In that case, therefore, I should at least like to have the benefit of your advice before I send the letter. So if you could call me about it, perhaps Wednesday or Thursday of this week, the help certainly would be appreciated.

Here's hoping that you had a very successful, and enjoyable, visit to California. But we really did miss you at the meeting of the Executive Committee.

As always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:ca

November 4, 1968

Mr. Charles G. Koch
321 West Douglas
Wichita 2, Kansas

Dear Charles:

Ever since receiving your resignation from the Society, I have wanted to write you a ten-page letter. But I knew it would take a hundred pages to cover the ground properly. And this I did not have time to write, nor you to read. So I am going to swing all the way in the opposite direction, and try to put the points I want to make in three pages. Which means that most of the background, and all of the documentation, will have to be omitted.

(1) Your primary concern in Vietnam, the same as ours, is its effect on what happens here at home. But you have no slightest chance, by even a hundred full-page newspaper advertisements, of getting our government to withdraw its troops from this phony war, unless and until such withdrawal fits into the comprehensive strategy of the top conspiratorial oligarchy, whom we call the Insiders. And we ourselves would have just as little chance of getting our government to take the wraps off our military forces, use what weapons are necessary, go ahead and win the war, and bring our boys home -- unless and until the Insiders are ready for any such development.

Being realists -- as you should be -- we have not wasted our firing power on any such effort. Instead, we have made an attack on the one feature of our Vietnam policy which the American people could readily see consisted of outright treason; on which they would feel very strongly; and where our exposure of the facts, therefore, could have considerable direct impact on the situation here at home. This was the policy of continuous and massive aid by our government to the very enemies who were killing our boys in Vietnam. And the total of two million signatures which our petition drive will reach in 1969 is going to give a lot of backing to those still loyal people within our government who are trying to counteract the treason at work.

(2) This difference of opinion was not the real reason, of course, for your resignation from the Society and withdrawal of your advertising from

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American Opinion. You took this step, we are aware, ^{largely} because of your sense of loyalty to Bob Love. We believe that feeling on your part to have been ^{it seemed that} quite praiseworthy, but entirely mistaken. In fact, by the spring of 1966, the very subtle, but continuous and unmistakable, efforts of Bob Love to damage the Society, and to create dissension and trouble within our COUNCIL, had gone on so long and reached so far as to prompt me to ask your father, in confidence, this question: "How sure are you that Bob Love is really on our side?"

Your father, obviously surprised, replied that Bob Love was a very religious man in whom he -- your father -- thought that we should have full confidence. To which I answered: "Good. I just wanted to know how you felt. And this gives me the reassurance that I needed." Contrary to any exaggerated rumors you may have heard otherwise, Charles, this is all that was said; and this conversation was the only one I ever had with your father on this subject. But, although Bob's undermining activities were very cleverly conducted, and not of the kind that would readily have come to the attention of your father, this question on my part obviously stayed in his mind, and set him thinking, so that eventually he reported its purport somewhat more bluntly to yourself.

(3) I do not think that Bob Love is or ever has been a Communist. I do think that he belongs to the lower fringes of what we call the Insiders; and that he sought to use his ability and opportunity to hold back, and make trouble for, The John Birch Society, as a means of climbing higher within those circles. To what extent your father was gradually coming to surmise the same thing, I do not know. But practically the last words he ever said to me, which he certainly pronounced with more than superficial significance when I was in Wichita in September, 1967, were: "I don't care what they say to me, Bob, I'm going to be at your New York dinner in December." And he knew and I knew that I planned to have a further and longer conversation with him on this subject at that time. Unfortunately, the terrible tragedy of his loss intervened.

(4) The above leaves unsaid about ninety-five percent of what should go into this letter. But after the hundred pages it would all come out with the same conclusion. You belong with us in this fight, Charles, and we need you. The John Birch Society is not perfect, and certainly my leadership has many shortcomings. But we have made enough progress for our enemies to feel -- and to have said, as far back as three years ago -- that "stamping out The John Birch Society was a matter of life and death to the Communist Party."

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And despite every weapon of propaganda, of massive attack, and of vicious subversion, which they could turn against us, we are not only stronger today than ever before; but we have done and are doing far more to inform the American people about the menace of Communism, and to arouse a strong enough public opinion to slow down, then stop, and finally rout this Conspiracy, than all other anti-Communist groups in America put together.

Not knowing how much of our material, if any, you have been reading in recent months, I am enclosing just two items: A Cross Section Of The Truth, and the current November Bulletin. It has taken twenty years of study to produce the first of these, Charles; and ten years of work and sacrifice on the part of the members of the Society to make the second one possible. And I hope you may be willing to read both, fully and thoughtfully, if you have not already done so.

(5) For the occasion of my writing this letter at the present time is our forthcoming Tenth Anniversary Dinner, in Indianapolis on December 7. In anticipation of that event, we are hereby repeating, in this more formal and written manner, and with the unanimous endorsement of our Executive Committee, our most cordial invitation for you to become a member of our COUNCIL. It is a distinguished body, as you know. And as we begin our second decade of massive educational work on behalf of "less government and more responsibility," we should certainly like to have you take your father's place in the leadership group of this now great nationwide organization which he helped to found.

We are looking forward hopefully to a favorable reply, and to the pleasure of having you on the dais with us at our birthday dinner. In the meantime, I send you, as always, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

RW:ca

Robert Welch

DEC 12 1968

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

December 10, 1968

To All Members Of Our COUNCIL:

In reviewing our nine-months financial statements at the meeting in Indianapolis, some members of the COUNCIL asked about the item of \$29,192.93 listed as entertainment.

Even though the question had been asked some months before, and I in turn had then asked our Accounting Department what actually went into this figure, the answer had completely slipped my mind. What's more I had done nothing to get the misleading nomenclature corrected.

Let me now hasten by means of this memorandum, therefore, to give you the requested information. This expense item consists entirely and exclusively of the cost of our COUNCIL Dinners. And the corresponding revenues to match these expenses are included in the "Contributions" listed under Income.

On the June 30 statement this figure had stood at \$24,983.20, which was the total paid out by us for all costs of the COUNCIL Dinner and COUNCIL Meeting in Los Angeles in March. Since then the much smaller Chicago dinner in June and September dinner in Boston had been brought onto the books, making the expense total come to the figure of \$29,192.93 as shown. The corresponding revenue received had been slightly in excess of that amount; but the cost of the Indianapolis dinner will exceed the revenue received, despite the high price of the tickets, and because of the unusual expenses connected with a large catered dinner.

The total of expense and revenue in this account will approximately balance for the year, which is our objective in connection with these dinners. But we certainly agree that designating this item as "Entertainment" is misleading, and could cause embarrassment. So on all subsequent statements it will appear under a more appropriate name.

Sincerely,

Robert Welch

RW:ca

Robert Welch

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1320 SOUTH FIRST STREET
TELEPHONE: ORCHARD 1-2345

, December 13, 1962

Mr. K. G. Bentson
7105 North Wilder Road
Phoenix, Arizona

Dear Ken:

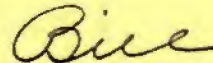
This request needs your very prompt consideration. As one of the founding members of The John Birch Society, I have been thrilled at the progress we have made in spite of hurdles and opposition. The last election I think demonstrates not only a need for increased activity on the part of the Society but also how fruitful these efforts can be in consolidating the conservative community.

I have agreed to serve as chairman of a finance committee and before this month is over we hope to get out some letters to increase our financial support. Attached are copies of a proposed year-end mailing and we plan for others during the course of the next year.

To back up this effort, Bob Welch and I would like to have you serve on the finance committee. So that your name (not that of your company) can be included in this first mailing, your early acceptance will be appreciated.

A note of acceptance from you at this time will be sufficient, and as our plans for next year develop I will be in touch with you again.

Cordially yours,



Wm. J. Grede

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THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

INCORPORATED

Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

May 26, 1964

MAY 27 1964

Mr. William J. Grede
c/o Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 South First Street
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a list of names (with addresses) of some of those that I suggest be invited to a meeting of the National Finance Committee on Sunday, June 7, at 9:30 A. M. at the Union League Club. (We could make it a breakfast meeting at 9:00 A. M. if you thought it advisable.)

Perhaps you might wish to tell them in your letter that Bill Cies will report on what is being done -- and accomplished -- by the Regional Finance Committee in California. Also, I'll make a brief report on our general expansion program. And the purpose of this meeting is to discuss steps for raising money, not to pass the hat at the meeting itself.

You may, I hope, have other names to add to the enclosed list. And if Miss Lovett or I think of any more ourselves, during the next day or two, we'll send them along. But I want to get this note off to you without delay.

Good luck!

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

RW:jg

Invitees for Finance Committee Meeting

- Mr. Aaron T. Bliss, Jr., 1207 West St. Andrews Road, Midland, Michigan -
- ✓ Mr. Frank Cullen Brophy, P. O. Box 9338, Phoenix, Arizona -
- ✓ Col. Laurence E. Bunker, 46 Chestnut Street, Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts -
- ✓ Mr. William H. Cies, 1460 Park Place, San Marino, California -
- Mr. Ralph E. Davis, 6900 South Hoover, Los Angeles 44, California -
- ✓ Mr. Harold Falk (?) , c/o The Falk Corporation, 3001 West Canal Street, Milwaukee,
Wisconsin
- ✓ Mr. Rogers Follansbee, 7537 North Clark Street, Chicago 26, Illinois -
- Mr. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., c/o Cherokee Textile Mills, Sevierville, Tennessee -
- Mr. N. Bunker Hunt, 700 Mercantile Bank Building, Dallas, Texas -
- ✓ Mr. Thomas Ireland, ⁽²⁾ 75 Public Square, Cleveland 1, Ohio -
- Mr. Fred C. Koch, 321 West Douglas Street, Wichita 2, Kansas -
- ✓ Mr. Ellerton A. Lodge, 1491 West Everett Road, Lake Forest, Illinois -
- ✓ Mr. N. Floyd McGowin, c/o W. T. Smith Lumber Company, Chapman, Alabama -
- ✓ Mr. W. B. McMillan, c/o Hussmann Refrigerator Company, 2401 North Leffingwell -
Avenue, St. Louis 6, Missouri
- ✓ Mr. Robert H. Montgomery, 30 Federal Street, Boston, Massachusetts -
- ✓ Mr. Max Pray, Suite 300, Palmolive Building, Chicago 11, Illinois -
- ✓ Mr. J. R. Scheesley, 303 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, Illinois -
- ✓ Mr. Edgar A. Scheubert, 1210 North Ridgeland, Oak Park, Illinois -
- ✓ Mr. Robert W. Stoddard, 105 Madison Street, Worcester 1, Massachusetts -
- ✓ Mr. Ernest G. Swigert, c/o Hyster Company, Post Office Box 4318, Portland 8, Oregon
- ✓ Mr. Edgar Uehlein, 30 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 2, Illinois -
- ✓ Mr. Kenneth Q. Volk, 1115 Virginia Road, San Marino, California -
- ✓ Mr. J. P. Wetherby, J. P. Wetherby Construction Corp., P. O. Box 24, Ottawa, Illinois

Lanston Adams -

Robert Fisher -

HAROLD FALK

JOHN BROWN -

Send Robert to the

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KARL E. MUNDT
MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA

R. L. McCAUGHEY
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

ROBERTA VAN BEEK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
ABERDEEN, SOUTH DAKOTA

WALTER C. CONAHAN
PRESS SECRETARY
LEOLA, SOUTH DAKOTA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 23, 1965

MEMBER:

APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

SENATE INVESTIGATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

ADVISORY COMMISSION ON
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Mr. William J. Grede, Chairman
Grede Foundries, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Grede:

It was thoughtful of you to write me as you did on July 19 reinforcing the invitation which I received from Robert Welch to attend a three day seminar in the midwest. I value the sentiments you expressed most highly. Unfortunately, there are two good and valid reasons why I cannot accept this invitation:

(1) Official duties have pyramided down here to the point where it is impossible for me to be out of the city for a three day period for any purpose whatsoever between now and our anticipated adjournment next September. The architects of our Great Society have prepared a long list of bills which, in my opinion, are inimical to the long term interests of our country and tend to push us far too closely to the paternalistic vices of an American centralized state in which the people tend to become the pawns rather than the rulers of their Government.

(2) My own reaction to the organization founded by Robert Welch is that it concentrates too much on negative proposals and fails to emphasize positive steps which can be taken to keep America American. Politics, is the art of the possible. Such proposals as repealing the National Income Tax and impeaching Chief Justice Earl Warren may or may not have merit but they certainly are not within the realm of the possible. Furthermore, I do not believe that either objective, if obtained, would materially improve conditions within America. This Administration has an unhappy penchant for spending borrowed money and I am afraid that shutting off dollars through repealing taxes would simply result in an accelerated program of deficit spending rather than in necessary economies.

Additionally, if Chief Justice Warren were to be impeached tomorrow or were he to vacate his position on the Court because of ill health or retirement age, I am convinced his successor when selected by our President would be an individual who would continue the traditional philosophy of Justice Warren and so while there would be a change of voice there, it would not be a change in judicial philosophy. I think you will witness the validity of this comment when the successor to Justice Goldberg is announced.

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Mr. William J. Grede

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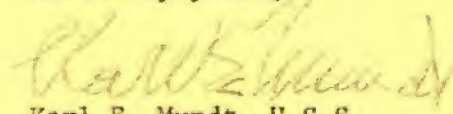
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On the other hand, I think Robert Welch has evolved some highly effective organizational techniques and I regret that the Americans who have been recruited to his organization are not specifically directed toward taking the practical steps required to elect public officials at every level who will resist the temptation to try to buy votes with the people's money and who will labor to restore concepts of government which will maintain the benefits of our great system of individual initiative, private ownership, and our reward of merit doctrines.

In all events, it was good of you to write me and I appreciate the evaluation which Dan Avey gave you of my activities. I happen to be one of the originators of Americans for Constitutional Action which in my opinion has become the most successful force in our country today for helping to repel many of the socializing doctrines advocated primarily by such groups as Americans for Democratic Action and COPE.

With kindest regards, I am

Cordially yours,



Karl E. Mundt, U.S.S.

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December 13, 1965

The Honorable T. Coleman Andrews
1508 Willow Lawn Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Dear Coleman:

A copy of your letter of December 6 came to my desk just as I was about to write to you suggesting that you not take the action proposed.

Having sat through all the discussions of both Council and Executive Committees on this subject and having waded through all of this correspondence that was circulated to the Council, I am very sympathetic with Bob Welch's sensitiveness on the subject.

Service on a council that operates as the John Birch Society Council does is quite different from the experience of most of us in such groups as the National Association of Manufacturers and others. I must confess the record demonstrates that Bob Welch has been successful. As I look back, I realize that Bob has been very responsive to the suggestions of both the Council and the Executive Committee, even though not always in complete agreement. We cannot look at the results without a wholesome respect for his judgment and for his leadership, in spite of the small frustrations and sometimes annoying lack of complete agreement.

While in this instance your own comment and suggestions might well have been very constructive and in agreement, I am sure it would have opened up a whole Pandora's box and renewed a great deal of the discussion which would not have been in the best interest of the Society, and which Bob had hoped to avoid. Therefore I can understand Bob Welch's determination to cut it off before this took place, especially in the light of apparent unanimous approval of his proposal.

There is no way of assuring that a similar circumstance will not arise again and, therefore, I hesitate to suggest now that you change your mind, although I'm certain that all the members of the Council will regret very much the loss of your support and advice.

I hope that if you still wish to withdraw

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that your resignation can be handled in such a way that it will not be publicized to the detriment of the Society, even though this may be at some sacrifice to you. Certainly we all cherish your friendship and sincerely hope that in or out of the Society we will find ourselves working together for the common cause of freedom.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. J. Grede

WJG:kar

cc: Mr. Robert Welch
Mr. Robert Stoddard

DEC 8 1965

ROBERT WELCH
Belmont 78, Massachusetts

December 6, 1965

Mr. William J. Grede
c/o Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 South First Street
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

There is an old Baptist hymn which begins with these lines:

"Not to the strong is the battle,
Not to the swift is the race;
But to the valiant and faithful,
Victory is promised through grace."

This summarizes, about as well as anything I know, the belief in the special favor of Deity being bestowed on some men without regard to what these men may have been able to accomplish for themselves -- or what is generally known as "salvation through grace." It is a view strongly held and jealously defended by many Protestant fundamentalists, and especially those who have the possibility of going all the way over, in time, into some degree of acceptance of the British Israel philosophy -- which more than two million Protestant fundamentalists in North America have now done.

The Catholics, on the other hand, while in practice they rely a great deal on special dispensations and favors granted by Deity to individuals or groups, are far more inclined in theory to accept the doctrine expressed by La Fontaine, "aide toi, le ciel t'aidera," which actually goes back to Aeschylus and probably far beyond, and which was brought into English by Benjamin Franklin as "God helps them that help themselves." A corollary to this thought, "I pray as if it were all up to God, but work as if it were all up to me," has been made more widely known during recent decades by the Negro educator, Lawrence Clifton Jones. But, while it also goes back to the Greeks, and probably far beyond, it is generally attributed by Catholic schools to St. Augustine, and is certainly encouraged as a precept for Catholic children.

There are many shades of belief involved here, such as the question of how much one qualifies as helping himself by simply striving valiantly and faithfully, even though entirely unsuccessfully. But there is a deep basic split nevertheless over this question of "salvation by grace" rather than

salvation by deserts. I was well aware that Tom Parker and Nat Adamson, for instance, would be rather emphatically lodged on one side of this question, with Dean Manion and Frank Brophy on the other side. This is one reason why, in the statement of objectives which began the foreword to the bulletin, the phrase read only "and with God's help," while at the end it read "with God's help, when and because we have deserved it." I was trying to satisfy both sides. And Coleman Andrews, in my opinion, knew no more about this problem than he did about, let us say, Frege's definition of a cardinal number.

There were two dozen other dangerous points involved in this attempt to synthesize an acceptable consensus on a religious question which should never even have been raised in the first place. There is almost nothing in the whole 3 1/2 pages which was not put there very carefully for a specific purpose -- some of which purposes it would have been a mistake to discuss. Inside of ten more minutes, for instance, somebody would have raised the question: "Why don't we avoid all of this argument by going back to the addition of 'Under God' somewhere in the slogan as was suggested in the beginning?" And one important answer, that this would represent a specific and noticeable and important change in our statement of objectives, which was the very thing we were trying so hard to avoid, would not have been accepted as satisfactory. And before the executive session was over, we could easily have been back in a worse position than at any time since the whole argument started -- because of the countless suggestions, increased confusion, and rigidifying of points of view. All it would have taken was one bull in the China Shop, like Coleman Andrews, proudly showing how hard he was to please about anything.

I was not willing to take the chance, because there is simply too much to do these days, and the stakes are too high. (Of course I did not know that Coleman was going to be quite so petty about it.) And I would do the same thing again rather than run the risk that was involved. But on the other hand we cannot afford to lose any member of our COUNCIL at the present time, either. So I have written Coleman a letter, of which a blind copy is enclosed. A similar copy, along with a copy of this letter to yourself, is going to Bob Stoddard, Heinie, Larry Bunker, and Bob Montgomery. Writing from the point of view of your knowledge, from meetings of the Executive Committee, of the trickiness of this issue, and the extreme desirability of getting the whole discussion dropped as quickly and completely and satisfactorily as possible, each of you might be able to help to pacify Coleman and have him decide to forget all about it sooner than would otherwise be the case. If you have the time for any such letter, it would be greatly appreciated. And if not, I wanted you to have a better understanding, anyway, of why I took the course that I did.

Sincerely,

Bob

Robert Welch

T. COLEMAN ANDREWS

December 6, 1965

Mr. Robert Welch, Founder
The John Birch Society
Belmont, Massachusetts 02178

Dear Bob:

I hereby tender my resignation as a member of The John Birch Society and, of course, The Council of The Society; and I request that notice of my resignation be published in the next issue of the bulletin and that the necessary changes in the Society's letterhead, other forms, and publications be made as soon as can be without putting The Society to burdensome expense.

Again, please understand, Bob, that I have not taken this action because of unhappiness about the form of your response to the proposal that was before The Council when my disagreement with you arose. I felt that your response would raise more questions than it would answer, but everyone else seemed willing to accept it and I was willing to go along.

But I did want to know why you chose to make the response that seemed unnecessarily lengthy, explanatory, and even argumentative, and, therefore, carried the risk of inviting attack from a new direction, when it seemed to me that a brief statement submitting the excellent revision you had worked out, and pointing out that this revision seemed to express clearly what had always been the fact of the situation, was all that was necessary and would have the virtue of probably avoiding completely the risk I thought was inherent in your statement. I figured that after your response was published somebody might ask me about it and I wanted to be in position to reply with complete faithfulness to your views.

But, no, you wouldn't have it that way. When I asked that you state the reason for your choice, you sawed me off with an ill-tempered and curt statement that carried not the slightest pretense of response to my question but rather said in effect that your handling of the matter was final and you didn't want any discussion of it whatsoever from me or anyone else.

Mr. Robert Welch

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December 6, 1965

I was surprised to learn later that you had not cleared your statement with the Executive Committee. I have been under the impression that this Committee has been passing on all bulletins and other statements to The Society's members and the public.

I assure you that it grieves me deeply to have to get off The Council, particularly at this point in the life of The Society -- not to mention that I am not in the habit of giving up friendships easily -- because I am sure it will appear to some as running away from a fight, something I have never done in my life. But I am so constituted that I just cannot advocate or defend any person, group or cause except in good faith, and you have now deprived me of the faith that enabled me to counter with complete honesty one of the most serious criticisms The Society and its members has had to endure.

I am equally grieved at having to give up my membership in The Society, because I am personally so deeply dedicated to the principles on which The Society stands and the objectives toward which it aspires. But I am sure you'd want the separation to be complete.

Needless to say, I do not take my leave with any feeling of animus toward either you or The Society. On the contrary, all will continue to have my very best wishes and may be assured that I shall always stand ready to embrace with enthusiasm any opportunity that presents itself to advance the achievement of The Society's objectives.

Sincerely,



T. Coleman Andrews

CC: To All Members of
The Council

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ROBERT W. STODDARD
PRESIDENT

December 9, 1965

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Honorable T. Coleman Andrews
1508 Willow Lawn Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Dear Coleman:

I received your letter of December 6th this morning, which crossed my letter to you of December 7th. I, of course, am not going to try and urge you to change your mind, much as I would like to have you. I just want to express my personal regret that you have felt this action necessary. As I indicated in my letter, I can understand why you felt as you did, but I still think you should not have.

Our Society is a unique organization. It was Bob Welch's personal idea, and so, quite naturally, he runs it. I do not necessarily agree with him 100% all the time, any more than I agree all the time with my wife or my children. But, as long as I agree with him most of the time, and I think he is going a good job, I will support him. I personally feel he is doing a magnificent job and has been much more tolerant of petty disagreements and criticisms than would normally be expected. He has cleared everything possible with the Executive Committee regularly, and he has frequently modified positions and statements at our suggestion.

With regard to this recent problem, I just want to tell you again that it does go much deeper and has become more widespread and has many more ramifications than you appreciate, and Bob's one effort at our last meeting was to wind the thing up, and that was done, I believe, in the only manner in which it could have been accomplished.

I am very grateful, as others will be, for the sentiments expressed in your last paragraph. I'm sure that goes for the rest of us.

Best personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,

RWS:bf

cc: Mr. Robert Welch
Mr. William J. Grede ✓

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December 16, 1965

Mr. William J. Grede
Grede Foundries, Inc.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Bill:

I thank you very much for your very gracious and thoughtful letter of the 13th.

I agree that perhaps service on The Council of The John Birch Society is different from that on other more orthodox organizations, but unfortunately the public doesn't recognize any difference, and I just don't want to be around when Bob's intemperate words load on to the camel's back the straw that breaks it.

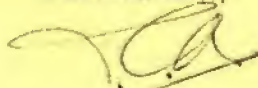
I agree with you that Bob has been highly successful. In fact, I don't know how in the world he has done it. He undoubtedly is the hardest worked man and must be, as some have said, a real genius. What a powerhouse he would be if he would listen to some of the good advice that has been offered to him.

✓ If Bob makes just a simple statement that I have resigned, I don't see why the announcement of my separation from the Society ought to cause any embarrassment. I deliberately left the announcement to The Society rather than make it myself in order to avoid the questions that naturally would follow an announcement by me.

It is good to know that I may expect to continue to enjoy the friendship of the members of The Council, and for my part you may fully expect me to do anything I can to cooperate with you all. You must know in what high esteem I hold every member of The Council and that it will always be a pleasure to cooperate with any and all of you in any way I can.

My best wishes to you and yours always, especially for Christmas and the new year.

Sincerely,



T. Coleman Andrews.

TCA:hs

Birchwood
Route #1
Macon, Georgia

February 13, 1962

Mr. Wm. F. Buckley, Editor
National Review
150 E. 35th Street
New York 16, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I was shocked when I read your editorial in the 13 February 1962 issue of National Review.

For several years I had considered you a patriotic conservative. Now I wonder! Frankly, I would like to know what motivated you to do this "hatchet job" on Mr. Welch and The John Birch Society. Isn't it bad enough for the communists, fellow-travelers, dupes, and do-gooders to be anti-anti-communist, without help from the National Review?

As you should already know, the John Birch Society is a patriotic organization of loyal Americans under the leadership of its founder, standing for limited government, - bound by the Constitution and opposed to the spread of Communism in our country and over the world. It is educational in purpose and practice, working for "less government, more personal responsibility, and a better world." THE PROGRAM IS CONSTRUCTIVE, REASONABLE AND ATTAINABLE, -- a challenge for good to all patriotic Americans.

For the record, I am the mother of the late John M. Birch, for whom the John Birch Society is named. I have been an active member of the Society since January 1959, and am in hearty accord with Mr. Welch's express aims and methods. I consider him to be one of the best qualified and most courageous of all leaders against Communism.

In choosing our son for the name of this organization, I feel that Mr. Welch has conferred upon him a very great honor. Also I believe the only way Communism can be successfully combated is to attack the agency and not each other.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George S. Birch

JPS

May 6, 1966

Mr. Fred M. Farrell
N92 W16906 Roger Avenue
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Farrell:

Enclosed is one of our ten-year subordinated notes, in the form which has been approved by various attorneys and auditors, for four thousand dollars. This is in exchange for your check for that amount, received this morning through the good offices of Mr. William J. Grede.

Your willingness to give us this help, on top of all that you are already doing, is deeply appreciated. We shall certainly try to use every dollar of your money to the best advantage we can determine, for the cause which now engages us all. And I send you, with these most earnest thanks, my kindest regards.

Sincerely,

RW:jg

Robert Welch

Copy to Mr. W. J. G. G. G.

June 13, 1966

Dear John Rousselot:

We have exchanged friendly correspondence in the past, the most recent when, because of my feeling about Robert Welch, I felt compelled to resign from the JBS.

I was most gratified to hear you were allotted a large sum from the will of D. B. Lewis to fight communism. While the JBS also was specifically mentioned, it seemed particularly significant that Welch's name was mentioned at all! Could it be that Mr. Lewis had the same distaste for Welch as have Goldwater, William Buckley and other conservatives?

Having formerly been in Republican politics like you, I have questioned many of my former GOP colleagues from the middle west within the past six months. "What are your objections to the JBS?" Invariably, they cannot or do not take any decided stand against the principles advocated by the JBS. Everything condemned is confined to Welch (mostly his Eisenhower viewpoint) or stems from other of his ridiculous utterances such as "Mexico right now is in the hands of the Communists who are just waiting to take it over." When I would try to explain that such theories are personal with Welch and not wholly a part of the JBS philosophy, the replies I get are that they wouldn't want any part of an organization with such a crackpot at it's head.

With 90% of those to whom I have talked, I find that they consider the JBS and Welch indivisible. The former cannot now shed itself of the responsibility for "THE POLITICIAN" when it, as an organization, presumably at the dictates of Welch, solicits the sale of this book through JBS order blanks and their monthly organ; likewise fills orders at Belmont, offers it for sale at meetings at the same time hypocritically distributing books laudatory of Ike's accomplishments and using his picture in JBS publicity matter. I can think of no one in the leadership role who would permit this except Welch himself! If there ever was a case of "one rotten apple spoiling, etc. etc." this is it! His personality as leader doesn't help either (the JBS image) but that is of only minor consideration.

If with this grant you decide to divorce yourself from either Welch or the JBS under his leadership, I would be one of the first of thousands to rally to your support. This would also apply if Welch finally came to his senses and resigned.

There just isn't any other answer to the survival of the JBS or in behalf of the continuing efforts toward the aims it proposes to accomplish, unless its leaders, formerly tolerant toward and loyal to Welch, act to salvage most of the momentum in the direction of what the Society as a whole had hoped to attain.

There comes a time when one must sacrifice loyalty in favor of survival!

Respectfully,

William G. Dudley

WILLIAM G. DUDLEY

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P.S. MEXICO is a subject about which I know a great deal; economically and politically. I challenge Welch to document or otherwise prove his irresponsible statement re: this remarkable conservative Republic - in the making! Much different than the balance of Latin America below there. Welch gets a copy of this as well as most members of the JBS Council. I dare him to debate me and bet a sizeable sum on the outcome before a neutral jury.

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July 8, 1966

Mr. Donald J. Spragg
P. O. Box 849
Yucca Valley, California 92284

Dear Mr. Spragg:

Your letter of June 27, addressed to me at Belmont, has been forwarded to me here. I am a Trustee of Rampart College, have attended sessions at the School, and in fact have lectured there. The last issue of their magazine publication contained material I had prepared and delivered in a talk there in 1961.

It is my observation that most of the people who go through the Freedom School program come out much more impressed with their individual responsibility for their own destiny and the futility of governmental action. I would guess that more people have joined the John Birch Society as a result of attendance at the Freedom School than have left the Society because of such attendance, and several of my own acquaintances have become better Birch members because they have a better understanding of freedom.

In spite of the fact that I am a Trustee, I have some disagreement with Mr. LeFevre which he calls "cobwebs in my belfry." I have felt that to get from where we are to where we want to be calls for active and aggressive work in such organizations as the John Birch Society and in the political arena. I would hope that such efforts would, however, be influenced by more intelligent analysis as a result of a Freedom School education than just raving and ranting at politicians. I know of a few who have come out of the School convinced that if they just withdraw from the political scene, Utopia is at hand. I think, however, these kind of graduates are very much in the minority, although I must quickly say that Mr. LeFevre himself is an advocate of political inactivity, but certainly not with any idea of neutralizing your or my efforts.

I would suggest to those members who seem inclined to withdraw from your activity that you point out to them that the education for the development of a better understanding of freedom can continue within the Society and that the aggressive work of the Society will more quickly develop the kind of atmosphere in which the philosophy of freedom may thrive.

Sincerely yours,

WJG:krr

Wm. J. Grede

Post Office Box 849
Yucca Valley, Cal. 92284
June 27, 1966

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Mr. Wm. J. Grede
c/o John Birch Society
Belmont, Mass.

Dear Mr. Grede:

Recently I noted, in a Rampart College catalogue, that you are a trustee of that institution. I am the local section leader for the John Birch Society. Your connection with both JBS and Rampart, my connection with JBS, and certain problems created by some of my members interest in Rampart, are responsible for this letter.

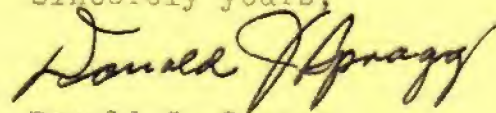
We are about 18 months old here. I am retired and have been able to put in an unusual amount of time for JBS, and have worked and studied hard. At the outset, and for several months following, I had exceptionally good help - morally, physically, financially, etc. from one real intelligent married couple. But last summer they went to Colorado Springs and took an intensive course in economics. They are no longer members, they have not been near my home since and, what is worse, as they have the opportunity they shower my faithful members, as well as myself, with propaganda! I should add that they take no part in political action and do not believe in our present system of government. I believe they call what they believe in an "Autarky".

I have another highly intelligent member, who has been very, very helpful in all ways. I have a very high regard for her, and I need her help. She is becoming more and more interested in the philosophy of the above mentioned couple. We have had several discussions on the subject. My personal philosophy corresponds almost exactly to that of Mr. Welch as he describes it in "The Neutralizers". In defense of her position she recently pointed out that "A Mr. Grede", on the Executive Committee of JBS, is a Trustee of Rampart.

Would you mind giving me your views on this subject? In your opinion is it Rampart's objective to politically neutralize its students? Or are some of them arriving at a wrong interpretation - or possibly glad to find a salve for their conscience to justify adoption of an "easy" route to follow?

If the last member mentioned determines to enroll at Rampart I will lose her, and she has considerable influence. I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,


Donald J. Spragg

July 13, 1966

Mr. William J. Grede, President
Grede Foundries, Inc.
1320 So. First Street
Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Grede:

Re: yours dated June 23 and postmarked July 6th.

I resent the implications contained in the last two lines of paragraph #3, as well as the last paragraph on page 2. It is typical of Welch and many of his brainwashed disciples to attack anyone not agreeing with him, as being a Communist or Commie sympathizer. I am an independent thinker not easily influenced, answerable only to my God and my conscience, and as such have been fighting Communism long before Welch was ever heard of nationally.

Even though I am not a friend of Welch's, there is no personal animosity in my stand against his leadership and I certainly would not only, not want to see him 'liquidated' as you suggest the Communists want, but would go to any lengths of my own to stifle such a movement, if I could. Advocating replacement for good cause for the benefit of the JBS and the whole cause of conservatism should not bring forth such a charge by you, against me, even by innuendo, as you seem to be attempting.

You say the survival of the JBS in itself is not important. It is precisely for that reason that I do think survival and perpetuation of the JBS tenets are important, that I take my stand for new leadership. You apparently are not aware of your declining membership; better get the true figures!

Copies of my letter to Mr. Rousselot were likewise sent to many conservative organizations, forums, and publications. Every reply (and I have received many), encouraged me, and some even asked if they could assist in any way! There likewise, have been nice letters from other members of the JBS Council that make interesting reading. Is it not the loyal responsibility of all conservative organizations to serve the cause of freedom, which you say deservedly the JBS is doing?

To my knowledge, no one has ever written a book or essay, criticizing what is contained in the Communist Manifesto, because to every constitutional American it is RUBBISH! By the same token, no one has attempted to issue a book or essay refuting what is purported to be fact in the POLITICIAN, for the same reason. Goldwater, after reading the book, sent his own copy back to Welch advising him to burn it, at a time when they were friendly. I am sure Goldwater's "blind loyalty and hero worship" for Ike did not cause this utterance. Nor through his friendship with Welch did he want Welch "liquidated" as you suggest Communism does, through Welch's friends.

Let's stop all the evasiveness. Either the JBS as an organization believes in and must be responsible for the conclusions of Welch in THE

POLITICIAN or it does not! Particularly when they distribute it and lean over backwards to see that all recruits read and if possible, accept its preachments and conclusions. This, always because of Welch's domination which permits no opposing viewpoint.

I never had any quarrel with Welch's obviously correct predictions about Castro, Bettancourt and I am more apprehensive about DeGaulle and his motives than most Americans. I did not mention these in my letter to Rousselot.

I have travelled and lived for a time in Mexico, talked to ex-Presidents, heads of Gobernacion Federal, leading bankers and economists. Have you or Welch? The Mexican Peso today is recognized as one of the world's 'hard' currencies, more stable than our dollar. This evaluation would not be possible if Communist influences existed there to any extent as they most assuredly do not! I have invested a sum up in five figures in Mexico and I feel safer in some of their 'blue chips' than in the N. Y. Exchange. The Communist Guerilla movement in adjoining Guatamala disturbs me much more than Mexico itself. What background or knowledge do you have to cause you to agree with Welch rather than me? Or what does he have to cause him to disagree? It seems you both are content to make blanket statements without being able to back them up with facts.

Is it not customary in a will in support of a movement to bequeath the sum to the organization such as the JBS, rather than an individual? If you left a sum to your church would you designate your Pastor by individual name rather than the church itself? For this reason I do not think I stretch my imagination one bit re: Mr. Lewis' intentions. Maybe you can explain why Mr. Rousselot was designated solely as beneficiary; not the JBS!

You are wrong! Majority opinion of a neutral jury would support facts about Mexico as I know they exist, rather than irresponsible blanket statements from one such as Welch, which he or you can't seem to back up.

When Welch, who could be recognized by many of the unsophisticated as symbolic of all conservatives, levels his unrealistic utterances, the just critisizing emanating from all not agreeing with him, mitigates strongly against conservatism and anti-communism as a whole. It gives the Liberal Establishment that much more ammunition as it already has done.

If you would raise your sights for the common good, you would advocate replacement which must come sooner or later. There are many fine candidates within, such as Reed Benson, whom I have never met.

For God, Family and Country,

Respectfully,

William G. Dudley

William G. Dudley
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Phone: 298-3587

JBS

August 25, 1966

Mr. Dick Hurley
214 North 27th Street
Quincy, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hurley:

Your concern about the John Birch Society is very much appreciated. You realize that with the structure of the John Birch Society, those that disagree with the policies, after expressing themselves, have really no choice but to resign. Dr. Oliver and Dr. Draskovich have disagreed with some of the policies and patterns and so they exercise their prerogative.

Your letter suggests some investigation of their resignations, but it is difficult to know what kind of investigation you would suggest. The Council is abreast of the policies and such disagreement with such policies as may be expressed in the Council meeting. The matter will be discussed at the next Council meeting.

If the John Birch Society falls apart, the conservatives will have no place to turn, but there is no need for it to fall apart, and certainly from what may appear in the press releases given out by people who have disagreed, not have our staff and our members making wild guesses as to what is transpiring. Both Oliver and Draskovich are anti-communists, both good scholars, effective speakers, and respected writers, and we are confident they will continue the struggle, even though they are not members of the Birch Society Council.

As a member of the Executive Committee, I meet with Mr. Welch almost once a month and have been in attendance at nearly all Council meetings. The Birch Society staff and members should close ranks and move ever forward in the direction we have been traveling.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. J. Grede

WJG:krr

cc: Mr. Thomas N. Hill



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JEFFERSON CITY
MISSOURI

June 28, 1967

Mr. Grede:

Relative to the story we intend to do on Gano Chance and how the Communists and The Left have focused their attacks on conservative organizations, we thought of using this method of a written interview.

If new questions arise or elaboration is needed, I can call you.

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Generally the story which we hope to develop will focus on when and how the Communists in their powwow in Moscow decided to launch an all-out campaign against conservatives. And how the campaign was launched in the U. S. and then picked up by The Left.

Ed Hunter
Booklet

I would like your comments on the above two points, plus any basic data you might have.

In addition here are some other questions, which I believe are pertinent to the issue:

1. Why did the Communists and Leftists in the United States center their attack on the John Birch Society rather than some other conservative organization? Was it because the Birch Society recognizes the Communists' movement as a world-wide conspiracy and through its educational program would expose this conspiracy? Or why?

2. Why do the attacks by The Left on anti-Communists-- organizations and individuals--usually follow and parallel similar attacks by the Communists?

3. Why did The Left select Gano Chance and the town of Centralia for such an all-out attack, rather than some other member of the Birch Council? Was it because Centralia is a small community?

4. Believe you were attacked by the liberals. How were you able to fend them off?

July 10, 1967

Confidential

Mr. Joseph G. Majersky, Editor
News Tribune Company, Inc.
Jefferson City,
Missouri

Dear Mr. Majersky:

In response to your letter of June 28 in regard to the story that you are doing on Gano Chance, I will attempt to answer your numbered questions without repeating the questions themselves.

Before doing so, you raise two questions in your opening paragraphs on which I would like to comment. Bob Welch has convinced me there is a conspiracy to take over the world. If there is, we can only assume that their strategy would be to destroy those forces, movements or activities which would in any way interfere with their plans. They demonstrated tolerance towards the anti-Communist discussions and literature, until the activity of the John Birch Society became effective. Then the viciousness of their attack became evident. One can only conclude that the John Birch Society through its own campaign of education and expose also stimulated other anti-Communists, and the smear or attack from the Communist side must have been launched because the John Birch Society and the resulting anti-Communist campaign became a menace to their plans for take-over. The opening gun in the United States seemed to be the article in the People's World, a Communist paper in California. Whether the Left wing news media, especially the newspapers, were actually geared into the campaign or had themselves felt the sting of the John Birch Society program, the People's World article was copied in many newspapers word for word, and this seems to have triggered a series of broadcasts, articles and news items throughout the country.

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It is a known fact that the Communist conspirators have regularly used not only their own agents in this country but the Socialists and Left wingers who seem to become willing tools, either knowing or not. Whether the anonymous, vicious telephone campaign that most of us who were mentioned in the news received was a normal result of newspaper publicity or a planned campaign is difficult to determine, but from personal experience it seemed like it was well-organized.

Now for your numbered questions.

1. As outlined above, it seems to me that the anti-Communist expose and campaign was not effective until, under the leadership of Bob Welch, the John Birch Society with a rapidly growing membership had an active program. This would lead one to believe that at least by the Communists it was considered more effective than the other organizations, and therefore, became the target of their attack.
2. As commented on above, the Left, as sharply as one can define it, includes the dedicated Socialist, many of whom don't seem to realize that even the Communists themselves have indicated that the world must first go Socialistic on its way to Communism, and the naively do-gooders who seem to fall for the line and then join in the campaign on anti-Communists. Consistent with their pattern of using dedicated, naive, or even stupid Left wingers, the Communists cleverly feed the channels and determine the line, and the Leftists follow it. This would tend to make their attacks on the anti-Communists parallel, similar, and timely.

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3. The attack on individuals I think is somewhat related to their vulnerability and how to make the campaign most effective. Several of the factors that you mention are involved. Certainly in a small community there would be a smaller number of people who would stand out from the crowd in their forthright opposition to the Communists. Furthermore, in any small community those who do stand out are relatively more widely known, even in their own community, as compared with the same person in the large metropolitan community. An attack on a prominent member of the Council in metropolitan New York would be considerably less effective, either on the individual involved or on the Society as a whole, than would an attack in a smaller community like Centralia. In addition, you have the factor that in any small community many times a single industry dominates the area, so the head of that industry is more effectively attacked and in many cases, (not Mr. Chance) therefore, more easily silenced. Their purpose seems to be either to discredit him or silence him. Such a success conceivable could help discredit and possibly silence leaders in large communities.
4. Milwaukee is a larger community than Centralia and my company is not the dominating corporation here, but it is a fact that the Milwaukee Journal singled me out for the attack, and every time the John Birch Society was mentioned in their columns my name was used. I had several advantages, among them that we were not the dominating corporation, we do not make or sell a brand name product, (our castings lose their identity as soon as they are incorporated in somebody else's product). We are a closely held private corporation so there is no opportunity to develop dissension among the shareholders. Because of this it was not as difficult as it might have been for some.

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I took no positive action to fend them off, like attempting counter articles in the newspaper, but the Society itself published some full-page ads and continued their education program, and shortly the public was curious about the John Birch Society. I had more invitations than I could fill to speak at luncheon clubs in our community, especially from the suburban areas, and in these opportunities I described the attack and I think there has developed in the Milwaukee area considerable resentment towards the Milwaukee Journal; in fact, one of their reporters recently asked a member of the Society probably half in jest to ask me to "quit picking on the Journal," and so as time went on these newspaper attacks were less and less effective.

5. I am not familiar with the details of each council member's experience, but several have been subject to the same kind of attack and vilification, as well as what seemed in some instances to be harassment by governmental agencies, but this of course is very difficult to trace. Because the attack was centered largely in the daily press, radio, TV, and national magazines, I would say there was some consistency and a definite pattern, although I know of no one who had the pointed attack that Mr. Chance has experienced.
6. This I think is answered in my comments under No. 5. It's very difficult to measure the degree in a situation of this kind.
7. Much has been written, not only in the publications of the John Birch Society but others, about the Communist conspiracy and how it has worked for a hundred years and especially after Lenin, but a letter of this type will not permit any extensive explanation. But certainly, if there is a

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conspiracy and it is working as we think it is, they must concentrate on destroying effective counterattacks and resistance, and we can only judge that the most effective on the horizon is the John Birch Society and that is why it has borne the brunt of their present attack on conservative and anti-Communist organizations.

8. There certainly should be a warning to all Americans who treasure the traditional American philosophy upon which this country was founded, in the vicious attacks upon organizations displaying a measure of patriotism and understanding and a desire to protect this tradition. This in itself should arouse them into action on the side of these Americans. However, there has been so much lethargy and apathy and a sense of "it can't happen here" that Americans generally have not informed themselves and have basked in the warmth and the sunshine of their prosperity and well-being without the necessary vigilance to preserve it. This kind of an attitude, of course, encourages people to avoid controversy and avoid conflict and exposure to attack. It is not because Americans lack courage, but they lack information, understanding, and knowledge of what's happening.
9. I suppose that any group of individual Americans might differ among themselves on strategy, but I think there is no fundamental difference of opinion within the Birch Society on the basic philosophy or even the basic program. There are some who may not support for instance the impeachment of Earl Warren as enthusiastically as others, but I think it's primarily because it seems to them like a futile gesture, not that it is wrong.

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Here again you ask "What is basic philosophy and why is it so important?" This also would require an essay of some length. There is a cliqué, however, that refers to the extreme right and the extreme left, and to show how the Leftists play on the lack of understanding on the part of the public, they put Communism on the extreme left and Nazism or Fascism on the extreme right. When, in fact, they are both socialistic and when successful end up in identical dictatorship. The extremes are, in fact, collectivism and individualism and the Birch Society philosophy is on the side of individualism--less government and more individual responsibility. Whereas the collectivist viewpoint would transfer the responsibility to an ever-expanding government until it ends up a complete collectivism or statism. The philosophy that is woven in the fundamental documents that established this country is individualism. In fact, our forefathers were so concerned about the power of the simple majority in a classical democratic society that they spelled out very specifically that no majority, not even the government itself, could take away the unalienable rights of people. This is the key to freedom, and if we're going to keep our freedom, our people must understand.

This answers your questions very briefly, but I hope will be helpful to you in the development of your story. At your request I send along a brief biological sketch of myself and a glossy print. If you need elaboration or clarification, I'll be glad to do whatever I can over the telephone.

Cordially yours,

Wm. J. Grade

WJG:jt

Enclosure
cc: Mr. Ralph Werner

5. How about other members of the Birch Council? Have they, too, been attacked and vilified? Has there been a consistency to these attacks-- a definite pattern?

6. Has any member of the Birch Society council been attacked as viciously and extensively as Gano Chance?

7. The Birch Society puts a great emphasis on the Communist conspiracy. Just how does this conspiracy work? In particular why is the Communist conspiracy concentrating such efforts on destroying the effectiveness of the Birch Society and other conservative organizations?

8. Is there a warning for all Americans in these attacks? That if they as individuals or organizations try to expose the Communists and the Left that they, too, might be attacked?

9. Birch Society members often differ on many points. But not, I believe, on basic philosophy. What is this basic philosophy? And why is this basic philosophy so important to maintaining our free way of life?

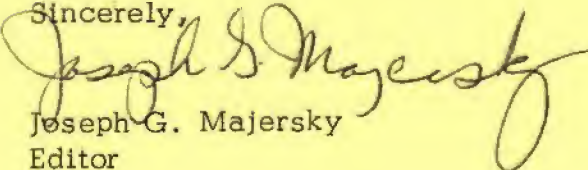
There may be other pertinent points, which I have not raised. If so, please detail them.

Finally, would you send along a biographical sketch of yourself? And a picture?

Thank you so much for your help.

If elaboration or clarification is needed, I will call you by telephone.

Sincerely,


Joseph G. Majersky
Editor

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Mr. Robert Welch
John Birch Society
Belmont, Mass. 02178

Dear Mr. Welch:

It is with the deepest regret that I find it necessary to tender my resignation to the John Birch Society.

Circumstances precipitated by unfounded and malicious charges regarding the handling of funds collected for the appearance of Lola Belle Holmes by one of my previous Chapter Leaders has resulted in my replacement as Section Leader by the very person responsible for and the perpetrator of the malicious acts.

Every attempt has been made to warn the existing Area Coordinator, Mr. John Selck, of the exact and truthful circumstances that surrounded the motivations of the party in question, but to no avail. In my opinion, as I have stated to close Society associates on previous occasions, Mr. Selck's activities have been more detrimental than constructive to the best interests of the Society in Wisconsin. A careful check of other areas of Wisconsin as to his positions which could be contrary to our ultimate goals should prove very interesting. I have made such a check and find many of his positions and attitudes incompatible.

Please do not consider this a crank letter for the future success and growth of the Society, in my opinion, requires that the activities of Mr. John Selck be scrutinized in terms of his end objectives as they relate to the future existence of the John Birch Society. It becomes very difficult to tender this resignation, after the time and many thousands of dollars per year I have devoted to our cause, but I must assume a position of the neutral in this matter in order not to give the impression of this being a vindictive letter.

I would whole heartedly suggest that your very personal attention be given this matter for, in my opinion, it requires prompt and forth-right attention.

Very truly yours,

Edward T. Bardwell

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Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Eight

Mr. Peter Wheeler Reiss
630 North 6th Street
Sheboygan, Wisconsin 53081

Dear Pete:

I had not intended telling the note of apparent discord and mystery that has affected our chapters in this area. I've been aware that we haven't been setting the world on fire over here, but I am also aware that when I came into this area from Arizona there were no chapters--nor members--in the area.

With the moral support of John T. Brown--who has always responded to my invitation to participate in occasional presentations--I was able to start several chapters of members who, for the most part, became active patriots. All this was done under the regimes of Johnson and Fallon who recognized and respected inherent qualifications of individuals. I should like to have seen more action on our part but, I must admit, despite the lassitude of some, we were making progress--especially in getting information to the public in this tremendously "liberal" infected area.

Then the change: a new coordinator. A first visit to one of our chapters gave me reason to hope for great things--two new members were taken in...but then I began to receive rumors that everything was to be changed: The coordinator was not satisfied with the present chapter leaders, promises were made to members.

Then I was told: One chapter leader appeared to be mentally ill. Though this leader is not a fire-ball, he has been--and is--the most reliable one of the leaders and members in this area. His chapter attendance is the best of the lot; he has--of his own volition--rented a post office box for which he has paid rent now for over two years; this man places classified ads--without shouting it to the world--giving the box number and encouraging people to write for information on The John Birch Society; has maintained a small supply of books and literature for sale and free distribution; he has, without fail, assisted at the presentations, county fair, book-mobile, distribution of literature that I supplied for the fair and

community parades; he has purchased a film-strip projector and films for use in various study groups and community affairs...until he had done this I was alone with my projectors and film strips...In a word: This leader was doing a good job of assisting and doing holding regular meetings, most of which were in his own home.

Another chapter leader who had helped me through the initial stages of formation and preservation of a chapter--though he is not bombshell either--was asked by the coordinator to resign his leadership to another whose membership I had gotten a few months before and whom I intended to train for leadership as soon as he had become sufficiently informed and through his initial exuberance to a point where he could be objective and careful. My analysis of the new member was that he had the "makins" but was unprepared in view of family obligations and circumstances--in addition to being uninformed and cautious in his public utterances.


A third chapter leader, after the first visit of the coordinator at a regular meeting, sent in his resignation.

A fourth chapter leader--only yesterday--told me he was giving up his leadership because he couldn't go along with the coordinator's straight-laced restriction...Two members of this chapter resigned--did not attend another meeting--after the first visit of the coordinator.

Fortunately, until now--with the help of God--I have been able to preserve the chapters.

Truly, I know--from the hints and indirections--the coordinator was not fired up over me...and I must admit I should like to have had many more chapters here--and much more activity too. I had come to the conclusion that perhaps I was the stalemate as was implied. I realize that youth is not always impressed by years and experience. I'm well aware that men and women in my age bracket are not always stimulating to youngsters. I was inclined to attribute our comparatively recent failings, in this area, to convert the congressional district and a part of Milwaukee to THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, to what might be termed my age-old ideas concerning solid foundation stones...But when word reached me concerning a certain speaker brought into Wisconsin to give a "questionable" lecture, I began to reflect on the recent change of complexion of this district. Perhaps I should withhold my resignation as section leader for a time. I insist--to myself at least--that there is no room in this great battle against the Communists for petty sentimentality. We must keep our eyes on the target. If my resignation will help the cause--our cause--then I gladly submit it. We have a war to win--not sensitive feelings to nurse.

Friendly yours


C. F. Thomallo

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Mr. William Grede
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1320 South First Street
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Dear Mr. Grede:

Copies of my letter to Mr. Reiss are being sent to Mr. Brown and Mr. Conner. As are copies of this, my letter to you. And I want to apologize to you, and to Mr. Brown, and to Mr. Conner, for the length of my reply to Mr. Reiss.

It seemed to me, however, important to convey to Mr. Reiss information which he had somehow failed to secure when compiling his lengthy report. Frankly, I doubt seriously if my letter will alter the course that Mr. Reiss has set. I hope that I am wrong. But, he seems to have spent so much time in trying to find evidence to support his conclusions, that I doubt he will stop at this point. You will note that the copy of my letter to him is an "unmarked" copy. As are those copies that have been sent on to Mr. Conner and Mr. Brown. I am afraid that if I did otherwise, Mr. Reiss would be more apt to pull you all in to further discussions in order to bring up other "evidence" and to argue specifics.

Let me say that Mr. Reiss has no conception of the troubles that he has caused the Society as a result of his contacts all over the state of Wisconsin. And in just one instance, he has indeed caused the Society some severe problems by his efforts.

With my apologies for taking so much of your time with this situation, and with my thanks to you, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Conner, for all that is being done to keep the eyes of all of our good people "on the ball", I am,

Sincerely,

Tom Hill
Thomas N. Hill
Director, Field Activities
TNH/rg

cc: John Brown
S. J. Conner